



Queen City Corvette Club Membership Information Packet

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Dear New Member:

Congratulations on your membership of the Queen City Corvette Club!

Thank you for choosing us. We know your time is valuable and what better way to enjoy your Corvette than with friends who share the same passion and enthusiasm.

This booklet is designed to provide you with all the information you will need to understand who we are, what we do, and how to enjoy all the things this club can provide.

You may already know the “Corvette Lifestyle” that exists amongst all Corvette owners. Our goal is to provide a link to other enthusiasts by providing organized events that allow our members to participate with other Corvette owners and get the most out of the lifestyle. Before you begin your journey, read this to familiarize yourself with our “rules of the road.” We hope you will find the information helpful in knowing who we are, who does what, and how to get the most out of your membership.

We also want to hear from you. As a new QCCC member, your opinions and ideas are important to us. You have an opportunity to help shape the club for years to come. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on how to make us a better Corvette Club. If you have an interest in serving on our board, please reach out to any board member to discuss where you would like to contribute.

So, let's get started and **'don't forget the wave.'**

Dan Brubaker
Membership Director
Queen City Corvette Club

WHO WE ARE

IN THE BEGINNING... In 1968 a few Corvette owners in Charlotte, NC got together to share stories about who had the fastest Corvette, the loudest exhaust, and how they could organize into a group and attract other Corvette owners in the area. They even had a club house on Independence Boulevard, but it has long since been torn down to make way for Charlotte's ever-changing skyline.

The group started to grow and elected leaders. On February 4, 1976, the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), was officially established as a 501©(3) Non-Profit Organization - a Social and Recreational Club*. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are stated in Article III of the QCCC Bylaws.

Complete QCCC Bylaws are available on website www.queencitycorvette.com. QCCC is a membership organization, primarily supported by dues and fees paid by the members.

[*Donations to exempt social and recreation clubs are NOT deductible as charitable contributions on the donor's federal income tax return.]

MEMBERSHIP

Queen City Corvette Club is one of the largest and most active Corvette Clubs in the Southeastern US with over 440 members. Our members own Corvettes from every model generation, from C1 through C8. Some are project cars, others are award-winning showpieces, but most are daily drivers, because our members know that the real fun of having a Corvette is driving it. With the overwhelming popularity of the C7 and C8, the club has experienced significant growth in the past 10 years.

Our membership continues to grow every month, and some of our newest members have become regularly active participants in club events. Many QCCC members who left for one reason or another have returned to the club to continue with the fun and camaraderie they remembered from before. Other members have relocated to the Charlotte area and have been Corvette Club members in other cities. There are also those who have purchased their first Corvette and just want to join in on the fun. Whatever your reason for joining, we are glad you did and hope you find your membership rewarding.

QCCC GOAL

Our primary goal is to promote the ownership of the Chevrolet Corvette. We promote the sport and pastime of safe motoring. QCCC strives to promote, sponsor, organize, and supervise Corvette outings, meetings, and competitions as well as other Corvette-related functions and events.

In addition to our own events, we participate in events sponsored by other Corvette Clubs. The bottom line is, we enjoy driving our Corvettes and wish to share the experience with friends made through QCCC membership.

CHARITABLE WORK

QCCC raises money for many local charities. Our members also volunteer their time to support those charities. In October we have our largest event. The *Queen City Corvette Show* is held at the Hendrick Motorsports complex in Concord, NC. We donate all funds raised, less expenses, to our various charities.

Charities we currently support:

WINGS OF EAGLES RANCH, a therapeutic horseback riding and challenge course. For riders who cannot walk, the horse is their vehicle of transport. Not only does this help their self-esteem, but it also teaches them essential skills. It improves balance, creates trust, and creates a loving friendship between rider and horse. www.wingsofeaglesranch.org

FEED-NC, which stands for Food, Education, Essentials, Dignity, is a food-focused resource that seeks to end the cycle of hunger and poverty with programs and opportunities for those in need. Established in 1987 and formerly known as the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, Feed-NC has expanded its services to include regional markets, a food pantry, and workforce education. Feed-NC serves more than 100,000 meals annually and delivers more than 125,000 pounds of food each month. <https://www.feednc.org/>

We also donate to churches and charities that provide auto maintenance services, free of charge, to families in need. Next Level Church Ministry is one of these groups.

We also contribute to other club's activities. A charitable drive, hosted by the Road Runners Corvette Club, is known as the Corvette Angel's Christmas Toy Drive. The event is held near the end of the year, usually at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Our Charity Committee was established to investigate charitable needs, make recommendations, and report back to the Board of Directors. Additional information can be found on our website, www.queencitycorvette.com under the Charity tab.

CLUB STRUCTURE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As with any organization, structure is important to ensure that club dues and budget are managed properly, making sure activities are planned and conducted, meeting locations are secured, and members are provided timely information on all aspects of the club.

The QCCC Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who are elected annually by membership. Nominations are presented in October and voting takes place in November each year. In addition to the Board, QCCC has many volunteers in Staff positions to perform critical functions, e.g., Newsletter Editor, Photographers, Charity Coordinator, Webmaster, Directory & Data Base Manager, NCM Ambassador, etc. The Club President appoint positions.

The board also forms committees when needed to assist with car shows, our annual banquet, Christmas toy drive, etc. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please contact a board member. The names of the board members and staff, email address, and phone numbers can be found on the website at www.queencitycorvette.com or the QCCC Newsletter.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AFFILIATION

QCCC is a Lifetime Business Member of the National Corvette Museum (<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>) and our members visit the museum and the nearby Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY on a regular basis. Many of our members volunteer their time to work at the NCM during the events. QCCC donated over \$15,000 to purchase an acre of land in support of the NCM Motorsports Park located across the highway from the museum. If you are not a member of NCM, please check out all it has to offer on their website or contact our club ambassador at one of our monthly business meetings.

Our club participates in the NCM BASH each April and the Anniversary/Hall of Fame event in August where many new Corvettes are on display. At both events, GM and Assembly Plant personnel are in attendance and are always available to discuss the cars and hold informational workshops. Various seminars take place all weekend. These are the best four days you can spend getting the most information on new Corvettes. It is a must!

Please check the National Corvette Museum website for more information on many events throughout the year.

QCCC CLUB NEWSLETTER

Our club's newsletter, the Queen City Corvette Gazette, is published monthly and sent electronically to all members. The Gazette is designed to be informative, entertaining, and provide information and photos of club events. It contains announcements, meeting locations, and articles by each of our directors with information on what is going on in the Club and details on upcoming activities. The QCCC Gazette was chosen by the NCM as the #1 Newsletter in 2010, and #3 in 2011. You can peruse all back issues of the QCCC newsletters on our website. Editor of the Newsletter is Pam Tucker at pamelaktucker@gmail.com

QCCC BYLAWS

The Queen City Corvette Club is governed by Bylaws that state the purpose, goals, and structure of the Club. The Bylaws are available on the QCCC website, www.queencitycorvette.com.

ANNUAL CLUB DUES

After an initial one-time administrative fee of \$10.00 per person, QCCC Club dues are \$100.00 per year, per family. Invoices are sent at the beginning of the year. It is the members responsibility to pay their dues by January 31 annually. These dues help with our Club commitments and event planning throughout the year. New members' dues and fees must be paid within a thirty-day (30) period following membership voting. A budget report is emailed to all members monthly. Questions about dues should be made to our Treasurer.

SPONSORS AND CLUB ADVERTISING

Our largest club sponsor is Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. We support them by displaying their logos on our website and in the QCCC Corvette Gazette. We also have club advertisers who pay a nominal fee to advertise on our website and in the Gazette. Our website and newsletter are read by many Corvette owners across the country. If you know of a business that would like to partner with us, please contact the QCCC member at large for information.

FACEBOOK

There are two (2) Facebook groups. One is a “closed group” for QCCC members only and the other is the “general” QCCC Facebook page. members are encouraged to use the page for all things related to our QCCC Club, e.g., post photos from club meetings, caravans, or any club sponsored event, share or report on any related Corvette articles and news that is out there in the media. If you would like to be a part of the QCCC closed group, please contact the Facebook coordinator. You must join the closed group to post any comments or pictures of QCCC events.

WHAT WE DO

ACTIVITIES

The lifeblood of Queen City Corvette Club is membership. Many of our events throughout the year are planned because members suggest them. The QCCC Social Director and Automotive Director have the responsibility of coordinating the major annual events, trips, and auto shows. We strive to have events that will appeal to the greatest number of members, but we also have smaller outings such as day trips to the mountains, cruise-ins to local ice cream shops, auto shows around Charlotte, and many other events, including IMSA Racing Events, weekend beach trips, BBQ's, poker runs, parades, Cars & Coffee, and wine excursions throughout NC. Trips usually begin with a central meeting location, followed by a caravan to our destination.

Members are encouraged to volunteer to host a day trip, a weekend getaway, a holiday event, or a Corvette cruise. All information for our events is published on our website under the EVENTS menu tab. We also send out email blasts to membership with event details and RSVP information. If you are interested in hosting such an event, contact the Social Director or the Automotive Director.

QCCC MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. They are held at various locations around the Charlotte area. Our meetings have been at Streetside Classics, RK Motors, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Monte Carlo Garage Suites, and Hendrick Motorsports. Meetings are preceded by a one-hour social time, followed by a one-hour QCCC Meeting. Some meetings have dinner arrangements afterwards and require an RSVP.

Our meetings are important because they provide a forum for getting pertinent information to membership about club events, Corvette technical information and Care & Compassion. If you know of a facility that will accommodate 150+ people with plenty of parking, contact the club's Vice President. We are always looking for new venues to hold our meetings. We have a

designated 'new member' meet-up area during social time at each business meeting so prospective members and new members can talk with current members of our club to ask questions and get perspectives on our club activities. We hold a 50/50 raffle every month at the business meeting, with half of the money going to the charity fund.

LUNCHES AND DINNERS

Any member can host a lunch or dinner by coordinating with the social director and sending out an email blast to members to invite them. Key things to keep in mind are to work with the restaurant to ensure specific seating and parking for the day you want, coordinating the email and RSVP, and being a host for the event.

Wednesday Night Dinners – On occasion, an email is sent to all members and prospective members announcing the location of a Wednesday Night “Up Yonder” or “Down South” Dinner. It includes location, time, any special Corvette parking, and other pertinent information members need. RSVP required by deadline to the dinner organizer to secure sufficient seating. Each week the dinners are held at different restaurants around the northern or southern areas of the greater Charlotte area. These dinners provide an opportunity to interact with other members in a casual setting and get to know the members that live in your area.

CAR SHOWS

QCCC sponsors Annual Car Shows with proceeds going to the charities we support. Some shows are for QCCC members only, to shine and show their Corvettes.

Our *Annual Queen City Corvette Show* is run jointly with our major sponsor, Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. The show is held in October at Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, NC. The show grows every year and has had over 750 Corvettes. Judging is conducted and awards are given out at the end of the show. Also, in attendance were representatives from the National Corvette Museum and many vendors selling their wares. We depend on our member volunteers to assist us on the many committees and on show day for registration, car judging, parking, etc. As we get closer to the show date in, there will be updates at QCCC business meetings by our Car Show Director. For more information on this event please contact the Car Show Director or visit the QCCC website.

QCCC members attend other car shows throughout the year such as the Charlotte Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway, “AmeriCarna Live” Car Show at Ingersoll Rand, Cars & Coffee at various locations, and the Streetside Classics Car Show in Concord. Details are found on our website calendar and announced at meetings by our Automotive Director.

CORVETTE RACING

Many of our members closely follow CORVETTE RACING and attend the IMSA and American LeMans Races. Some members travel to the Rolex 24 hour at Daytona, Sebring Raceway in Florida, Virginia International Raceway in Virginia (VIR), Road Atlanta in Georgia and other locations across the country. For more information on Corvette Racing and the Corvette drivers, visit the website: www.corvetteracing.com.

QCCC DAY, OVERNIGHT, AND WEEKEND CRUISES

QCCC organizes many excursions throughout the year for members. Some are weekend events, some just overnight, and some are day cruises to different attractions within a reasonable driving distance. Trips are announced in advance with details on departure time and place, route, lodging, meals etc., provided at club meetings and through emails. Some events may have limited attendance due to space/parking/room constraints, so signing up early offers you the best chance to enjoy that activity. There are often waiting lists.

Travel tips should you decide to go on one of these trips:

- Communication is important. Most members have a two-way radio set on Channel 7 (FRS or an FRS/GMRS are recommended radios used to communicate with each other during a trip. Radios can be purchased at Best Buy, Walmart, or online).
- Share your cell phone number with the trip organizer or with those on the trip so you can communicate with each other during the caravan, especially when you are out of radio range.
- Some hotels, like the Hilton Garden in Bowling Green KY, offer a car wash area to clean your Corvette. You may want to bring your own car wash kit, bucket, washing products, and of course towels. If you have any questions on what to bring just ask one of the members.

NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK

IN 2014, the NCM held the Grand Opening of the Motorsports Park facility in Bowling Green, KY. This facility is one of the most centrally located and easily accessible driving facilities in the country. It is funded by Corvette enthusiasts, NCM members, and Corporate Sponsors. Designed with features such as the Mulsanne Straight, Porsche curves, and the Corvette corner from LeMans, it will replicate elements from the greatest race in the world. It is also the home of the Corvette Racing Team, and the NCM will afford us the opportunity to observe some of their practice sessions and meet the Corvette Racing Team when they are in town. For more info on the Park go to www.motorsportpark.org or contact the Automotive Director.

NCM – CARAVAN - NC/SC/VA

Every 5 years, the National Corvette Caravan is held to commemorate events in the history of the National Corvette Museum and the Corvette. The first Caravan was held in 1994 to celebrate the opening of the NCM.

The most recent caravan was in 2019 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the NCM and was the biggest and best yet. About 16,000 Corvettes came from all over North America, and everyone got their first in-person look at the brand new C8! Because our local Carolinas and Virginia segment of the caravan departed from the Charlotte area, QCCC played a key role in the planning, organizing, and execution of the caravan. The 7th National Caravan will take place in 2024 with hundreds of Corvettes headed to Bowling Green Kentucky from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

QCCC CAR CARE DAYS

These events are occasionally held at a member's garage. It provides members with an opportunity to do maintenance and do visual inspection under their Corvette. Lunch is provided as we try to solve the world's problems while waiting for our time on the lift. We have also held Corvette "detailing seminars" with representatives from Adams Polish focused on maintaining the appearance of our Corvettes. Stay tuned to our QCCC website for Car Care dates.

PARADES

QCCC members participate in parades every year. The 4th of July parade held in Troutman, NC is one in which many of our members participate every year. We also carry High School Prom Queens in various parades and Homecoming events throughout Carolina towns. Check with the Automotive Director for details as these parades come up during the year.

QCCC DIRECTORIES

Each month, our Data Base Manager distributes the latest directory electronically to all QCCC members. This directory contains names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and photos of our members. *This directory is "strictly confidential" and should NOT be shared with anyone outside of Club Membership. It is to be used for intra-club communication only and is not for publication outside QCCC. It should NOT be used to promote a personal business or a similar venture.* Also included is a member and Car Directory showing and listing our members' Corvettes. *All members are responsible for keeping their information correct and current. If there is an address, phone, or vehicle change, you can use the following link (https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=3521) or contact the Membership Director*

QCCC MONOGRAMMING & SCREEN PRINTING OF QCCC LOGO

TEAM LOGO: QCCC members Ron and Donna Berst sell a variety of Men's and Ladies' shirts, T-shirts, polo shirts, jackets, windbreakers, hats, tote bags, etc., with the QCCC Club logo and the 55th Anniversary logo. The current order form and catalog can be found on the QCCC website under APPAREL. Email at donnaberst@windstream.net.

Again, welcome to the Queen City Corvette Club. We hope you find the experience with us a rewarding one and you have as much fun as we have since joining. Please jump right in, participate, and get to know us. Many new friends await who have the same passion for America's Sport Car as you do. We will see you at the next event!

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