



Queen City Corvette Club

Membership Information Packet 2021



Dear New Member:

Congratulations on your Membership into the Queen City Corvette Club! Thank you for choosing us. We know your time is valuable and what a 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 already know the “Corvette Lifestyle” that exists amongst all Corvette owners. Our goal is to provide a link to other Corvette enthusiasts by providing organized events that allow our Members to participate with other like-minded Corvette owners, who get the most out of the Corvette lifestyle. Before you begin your journey, read through this to familiarize yourself with our “rules of the road”. We hope you’ll find the information helpful in knowing who we are, who does what, and how to get the most out of Membership.

We also want to hear from you. As new QCCC Members your opinions and ideas are important to us. Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, on how to make us a better Corvette Club. So, let’s get started and “don’t forget to wave”.

Justin Cross
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 to attract other Corvette owners in the area. They even had a club house off of 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. They had enough fun to remain together. On February 4, 1976 the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), was officially established as a 501© 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 350 Members. Our Members range in age from 20s, all the way up to our senior Member who is 87-years young. Our Members own Corvettes from every series, C1 to C8. Some are award-winning showpieces, but most are daily drivers, because our Members know that the real fun of having a Corvette is driving it.

Our Membership continues to grow every month, and some of our newest Members have become very active in participating in club events. A number of QCCC Members from the 70s and 80s who may have had to sell their Corvette to raise a family, have then returned to the club continue on with the fun and camaraderie they remembered from years past. Other Members have relocated to our area and have been Corvette Club Members from other Corvette Clubs. There are also those who have purchased new Corvettes and just want to join in on the fun. Whatever your reason for joining, we're glad you did and hope you find your Membership rewarding.

QCCC GOAL

Our primary goal is to promote the ownership of, and further interest in, the 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 helps raise money for local charities. Our great Members volunteer their time at these events to support the charities.

In the Fall we have our largest event. It is the *Annual Queen City Corvette Show*, held at the Hendrick Motorsports complex in Concord, NC. (See more information under "Car Shows.") 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

We also donate toys at Christmastime to the Salvation Army for the children in Charlotte. This charitable drive, run by the Victory Lane Corvette Club, is known as the Corvette Angel's Christmas Toy Drive. The event is held every December at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. It is coordinated by our Past President, Bill Cruthis.

Our Charity Committee, has been 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 carried out, 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 voting. 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, National Corvette Museum Ambassador, and others. Staff positions are appointed by the Club President.

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 (wwwCorvetteMuseum.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 the now NCM Motorsports Park. One of our Members, Paul Mariano is our club contact for the museum. If you are not a Member of NCM, please check out all it has to offer on their website, or contact Paul Mariano (VETTELD@aol.com). You can also talk with Paul at one of our monthly meetings.

Our club participates in the NCM BASH each April and also the Hall of Fame event in August where many new Corvettes are on display every year. At the BASH in April, 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. This is probably the best four days you can spend to get the most information on new Corvettes. It is a must!

The announcements and coordination for Museum events are handled by Paul and Barbara Mariano at email above. Please check the NCM 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 with details on each of the 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 Angela Brannick at brannickangel@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. *The dues are not invoiced to each of the Members every year. It is the Members responsibility to pay their dues by January 15* annually. These dues help with our Club commitments and event planning throughout the year. A 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. Question about dues should be made to our Treasure, Craig Smith, at (cws9537@aol.com).

MAJOR SPONSOR AND CLUB ADVERTISING

Our major 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 Carl Bartlett at cb8613@gmail.co

FACEBOOK

The QCCC Facebook page is administered by Jamie Stamey. 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 Jamie Stamey Hinson at jamie.stamey@charter.net. 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 planning 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 North Carolina Mountains, cruise-ins to local ice cream shops, auto shows across the area, and many other events, including IMSA Racing Events, weekend beach trips, BBQ’s, poker runs, parades, Cars & Coffee, and wine excursions throughout NC.

Members are encouraged to volunteer to host a day trip, a weekend getaway, a holiday event, or a Corvette cruise. All of our current events for 2020 are on our website under the CALENDAR tab. If you are interested in hosting such an event contact Donna Berst, our Social Director, at donnaberst@windstream.net. For Day Trips contact Ron Berst ronberst@windstream.net.

QCCC MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings take place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. They are held at nearby locations. Our meetings have been at Streetside Classics, RK Motors, SRI, Charlotte Motor Speedway Club, Auto Barn, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 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 (e.g., Charlotte Motor Speedway Club) 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 130-150 people with plenty of parking, contact Richard Gwilt our Vice President rgwilt@me.com or Paul Mitchell our President. We are always looking for new venues to hold our meetings.

LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS

Men's and Ladies' Luncheons - A great way to get to know fellow QCCC Members is to attend a Men's or Ladies' luncheon. The Men's Luncheon organized by Nelson Sprague barnel@carolina.rr.com is held the 3rd Thursday of every month. The Ladies' Luncheon on the same date and time is held in close proximity to the Men's Luncheon. It is coordinated by Peggy Wood chriswood@att.net. Nelson and Peggy email monthly invitational "blasts" about luncheon locations and times. *You must reply to the email by the deadline to attend, to assure* the restaurants get the correct count so it can be staffed correctly for our group. Please contact Nelson or Peggy if you would like to be included in this informal group to get to know people in our club.

Wednesday Night Dinners - Each week an email is sent to all Members and Prospective Members announcing the location of the Wednesday Night Dinner. It includes location, time, any special Corvette parking, and other pertinent information Members need. RSVP required by deadline to Jane Burt or the QCCC Member who is organizing the dinner to secure sufficient seating. Each week the dinners are held at different restaurants around the area. Jane Burt can be contacted at fab4fan@carolina.rr.com.

Up Yonder Dinner - On the last Monday of the month there is the "Up Yonder Dinner". It is generally held in northern areas of Charlotte like Lake Norman, Mooresville, Cornelius, and Huntersville. Each month a QCCC Member volunteers to host the event and an email "blast" is sent out to all Members and Prospective Members with all the details on the restaurant. There are usually 40 to 50 people in attendance at this

dinner. RSVP is required by the deadline indicated, so the restaurant can have adequate seating and staff. Again, it is a great way to really get to know your fellow Members.

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 *9th Annual Queen City Corvette Show* will run jointly with our major sponsor, Rick Hendrick, and this year will be held October 3, 2020, at the Hendrick Motorsports complex. We are anticipating 400–500 Corvettes this year! We also share sponsorship with Bloomington Gold, who will judge late model Corvettes. Also, in attendance will be the National Corvette Museum and many other vendors selling their wares. We will need many QCCC volunteers to assist us on the many committees. As we get closer to the date in October, there will many updates at QCCC meetings by our President, Paul Mitchell and Auto Show Director, Tommy Loftin. For more information on this event please contact Tommy Loftin at tloftin@roadrunner.com or visit the QCCC website.

Other car shows throughout the year such as two Auto Fairs at Charlotte Motor Speedway, “AmeriCarna Live” Car Show at Ingersoll Rand, Cars & Coffee Charlotte, , Cars & Coffee Charlotte Motor Speedway, Waterbean Coffee Car Show, and Streetside Classics Car Show in Concord. Details are found on our website calendar and announced at meetings by our Automotive Director, Roger Winge at grandsport@windstream.net.

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.

There is also an NCM Motorsports Park located at the Museum in Bowling Green, KY. You can visit that website at: www.motorsportspark.org or contact our Member Brian Kruse at bj2kruse@gmail.com who is an instructor at the park.

QCCC DAY, OVERNIGHT, and WEEKEND CRUISES

QCCC organizes several 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 and its 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, Amazon, or eBay).
- 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 your out of radio range.
- Some of the hotels, like the Hilton Garden in Bowling Green KY, offer a car wash place to clean the road grit off your Corvette. You may want to bring your own car wash kit, pail, 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 being 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're in town. For more info on the Park go to www.motorsportpark.org or contact Brian Kruse at bj2kkruse@gmail.com.

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 and again in 1999 to celebrate the NCM 5th Anniversary.

In 2003, a 3rd Caravan was organized to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Corvette. In 2009, the 4th Caravan celebrated NCM's 15th Anniversary and brought approximately 6,000 Corvettes and enthusiasts.

The 5th Corvette Caravan celebrated the 20th NCM Anniversary which was the exciting Grand Opening of the NCM Motorsports Park Complex.

The 6th Corvette Caravan was the 25-year anniversary of the NCM and was the biggest and best yet. Countless thousands of Corvettes participated to get their first in-person look at many of the brand new C8! Because our local Carolinas and Virginia segment of the caravan departed from the Charlotte area, QCCC played a major role in the planning, organizing, and execution of the caravan. The 7th National Caravan coordination, has already started. The exact dates TBD; we will inform you as soon as we have the information. You will want to be a part of this historical event.

ANNUAL QCCC BBQ / HOMECOMING

In October of every year, QCCC celebrates our annual *BBQ* held at Davidson's Ranch. This event has become a QCCC Homecoming because so many of our Members and guests attend to partake of this delicious BBQ with all the trimmings. It is a great time to meet new friends or see those we haven't seen in a while. Don't miss this popular event!

QCCC CAR CARE DAYS

These events are usually held twice a year, on a Saturday, at a Member's garage. It provides Members an opportunity to change their oil and filter and do a visual inspection under their Corvette. Lunch is provided, as we try to solve the worlds problems while waiting for our time on the lift. We also hold Corvette "detailing seminars", held by Member Richard Kashinsky, an Adam's Polish representative. He explains the different polishes as well as other interior products, which make our Corvettes "show worthy". Stay tuned to our QCCC website for Car Care dates.

PARADES

QCCC Members participate in a few parades every year. The 4th of July parade held in Troutman, NC and led by Tommy Loftin, is one in which many of our Members participate. We also carry High School Prom Queens in various parades and Homecoming events throughout Carolina towns. Check with the President Paul Mitchell or our Automotive Director Roger Winge at grandsport@windstream.net for details as these various parades come up during the year.

QCCC DIRECTORIES

Each month, Paul Pelkey, 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 the Membership. It is to be used for intra club communication only and are 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, please contact Membership Director Justin Cross - email: membership@queencitycorvette.com*

QCCC MONOGRAMMING & SCREEN PRINTING OF QCCC LOGO

TEAM LOGO: QCCC Members Ron and Donna Berst sell a variety of Men's and Ladies' shirts, Tshirts, polos, jackets, windbreakers, hats, tote bags, Ogio can coolers, etc., with the QCCC Club logo and the 50th 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 the Corvette, America's Sport Car, as you do. We'll see you at the next event!

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