



# **QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB**

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION PACKET**

**JUNE 2019**

Dear New Member;

***Congratulations*** on your membership into the Queen City Corvette Club! This informational 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 for you.

You already own a Corvette and you 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”. I hope you’ll find the information here helps you jump right in, knowing who we are, who does what, and how to get the most out of Membership.

Thank You for choosing us as your Corvette Club. 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 as you.

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!”

All the Best,

Paul Schmitt  
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 from 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 for years. 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 By Laws. Complete QCCC Bylaws are available on website [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://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 their 20's, all the way up to our Senior Member who is 86 years young. Our Members own Corvettes from every series, C-1 to C-7. Some are award winning show pieces, 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 our newest members have become very active in participating in club events. A number of QCCC Members from the 60's and 70's 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 as rewarding we have.

#### 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 and encourage driving and sharing our Corvettes with friends, while establishing close friendships with others who share the same passion for the Corvette. QCCC strives to promote, sponsor, organize, and supervise Corvette outings, meetings, and competitions and 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 Members volunteer their time at these events to support the charities. Two charities we currently support: ***WINGS OF EAGLES RANCH***- a therapeutic Horseback riding and challenge course. For those 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](http://www.wingsofeaglesranch.org).)

***TEEN DRIVING SOLUTIONS***- The purpose of TDS is to train teens to be safe, smart, responsible drivers. ( [www.teendrivingolutions.org](http://www.teendrivingolutions.org).) The Teen Driving Solutions School is designed to mentally and physically connect teen drivers with the vehicle they are controlling. They are changing the way young drivers think about driving. It also is an intensive education and training for parents to improve parents' communication skills with their teen drivers. Training to enable "leading by example" when they are behind the wheel.

We also donate gifts / toys at Christmas time 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. We also donate all funds raised, less expenses, from our *Annual Charity All Corvette Car Show* which is held at Hendrick Motorsports, in Concord, NC. Our Charity Committee, led by Fred Rice, has been established to investigate charitable needs, make recommendations, and report back to the Board of Directors. QCCC Charity information can be found on our website, [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com) under the Charity tab. Our 2019 Charity Fund Coordinator is Fred Rice. He can be reached at [fred@kclassicrides.com](mailto:fred@kclassicrides.com) if you should have any questions about Charity.

#### CLUB STRUCTURE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS -

As with any organization, a structure is important to ensure that club dues and budget are managed properly, insuring 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 on annually by the 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. The Staff is 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 & Staff, email address, and phone numbers can be found on the website at [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com).

#### NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AFFILIATION -

QCCC is a Lifetime Business Member of the National Corvette Museum (NCM - [www.CorvetteMuseum.org](http://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 has donated over \$15,000 to purchase an acre of the now NCM Motorsports Park. One of our members, Paul Mariano is the Club

Ambassador for the museum and is on the NCM Board of Directors. If you are not a member of NCM, please check out all it has to offer at their website, or contact Paul Mariano ([VETTELTDA@aol.com](mailto:VETTELTDA@aol.com)). You can also talk with Paul at one of our monthly meetings. Our club participates in the NCM BASH each April where many of the NEW Corvettes are on display, and also the Hall of Fame Event in August every year. At the Bash in April, GM and Assembly Plant personnel are there and are always available to discuss the cars and hold informational workshops. Seminars are going on all day. This is probably the BEST four days you will spend if you want to be informed of the new Corvettes.

It is a must see.

#### 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 past club events. Announcements, meeting locations, and different articles by each of our Directors with current information on what is going on in the Club with details on each of the upcoming activities. The QCC Gazette was chosen by the NCM as the #1 Newsletter in 2010, and #3 in 2011. You can peruse all the back issues of the Newsletters on our website. The Editor of the Newsletter is Donna Berst and she can be reached at [donnaberst@windstream.net](mailto:donnaberst@windstream.net).

#### 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](http://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<sup>th</sup> each year.* This helps with our Club commitments and event planning throughout the year. NEW members' dues and fees must be

paid within a thirty (30) day period following membership voting, to remain in good standings. Question about payments of dues should be made to our Treasure, Craig Smith, at [cws9537@aol.com](mailto:cws9537@aol.com).

#### MAJOR SPONSOR AND CLUB ADVERTISING -

Our Major Club Sponsor is Rick Hendrick's 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. If you know of a business that would like to advertise with us, please let us know. Our website and newsletter are read by many Corvette owners across the Region. If you know of a business that would like to partner with us, please contact Chris Woods ([2redvettes@carolina.rr.com](mailto:2redvettes@carolina.rr.com)) or Craig Smith ([cws9537@aol.com](mailto:cws9537@aol.com).)

#### 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. 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](mailto:jamie.stamey@charter.net). You need to join the closed group to post any comments or pictures of the 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 suggested 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 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 get a way, a holiday event, or a Corvette cruise. All of our current events for 2019 are on our website under the [CALENDAR](#) tab. If you are interested in hosting such an event contact Carolyn Zimmer at [carolynz77@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynz77@yahoo.com).

### QCCC MEETINGS -

All of our monthly meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. They are usually held at nearby locations that provide an opportunity to socialize with friends. Some of our meetings have been at Streetside Classics, RK Motors, SRI, Charlotte Motor Speedway Club, Auto Barn, Hopewell Presbyterian Church Car Show meeting, and Hendrick Motor Sports. Meetings are preceded by a one-hour social time, followed by a one-hour



QCCC Meeting. Some of our meetings have dinner arrangements after (e.g., Charlotte Motor Speedway Club) and require an RSVP.

Our meetings are very important because they provide a forum for getting pertinent information to the membership about club events, topics, Corvette technical information, Care & Compassion that you all need to know. If you know of a facility that will accommodate 130-150 people with plenty of parking, see Mike Mariano our Vice President or Paul Mitchell our President. We are always looking for new venues to hold our meetings.

## LUNCHEONS AND DINNERS -

A great way to get to know fellow QCCC members is to attend the local Men's or Ladies' luncheons or dinners. The **Men's Luncheon** directed by Nelson Sprague ([barnel@carolina.rr.com](mailto:barnel@carolina.rr.com).) is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. The **Ladies Luncheon** is at the same time and is usually held next to the Men's Luncheon. It is coordinated by Peggy Wood ([chriswood@att.net](mailto:chriswood@att.net)).

Nelson and Peggy send out an email "blast" informing you of the luncheon, its location and time. *You must reply to the email to attend. It is imperative that the restaurant get the correct count for lunch so it can be staffed correctly for our group.* We encourage you to participate in one of these and get to know the 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. The email will include a RSVP to Jane Burt or the QCCC member that is organizing the dinner. This must be completed to secure sufficient seating at the restaurant. Each week the dinners are held at a different restaurant around the area. Jane Burt can be contacted at [fab4fan@carolina.rr.com](mailto: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 the northern area 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 a must and 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 in a nice quiet setting.

#### 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 All Corvette Charity Car Show***, which is run jointly with our major sponsor, Rick Hendrick, is held each October, at the Hendrick Motor Sports location. We are anticipating 400 – 500 Corvettes this year. We are also sharing sponsorship with Bloomington Gold, who will be judging 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 announcements at the QCCC meetings by our President, Paul Mitchell and Auto Show Coordinator Tommy Loftin. For more information on this event please contact Tommy Loftin, [tloftin@roadrunner.com](mailto:tloftin@roadrunner.com). or visit the QCCC website.

#### CORVETTE RACING -

Many of our Members closely follow the **CORVETTE RACING TEAM** and attend the IMSA and American LeMans Races. Some members travel to Daytona for the Rolex 24 hour at LeMans., Sebring Raceway in Florida, Virginia International Raceway (VIR), Road Atlanta, and other locations across the country. For more information on Corvette Racing and the Corvette drivers, visit the website; [www.corvetteracing.com](http://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](http://www.motorsportspark.org). or contact our Member Brian Kruse at [bj2kruse@gmail.com](mailto:bj2kruse@gmail.com). who is an instructor at the park.

<b>QCCC DAY, OVERNIGHT, and WEEKEND CRUISES -</b>
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QCCC organizes several excursions throughout the year for members. Some are weekend events, some just overnight, and some are day cruises to different attractions with a reasonable driving distance. Planned trips are announced in advance with details on departure time and place, route, lodging, meals etc. provided at Club meetings and emails. Opportunities to sign up for an event are offered well in advance. Be aware that some of these events are limited to the number of participants that can be accommodated, so signing up ASAP offers you a better chance to enjoy that activity.

Here are some tips should you decide to go on one of these trips:

- a. 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.)
- b. Share your cell phone number with the trip director or with those on the trip so you can communicate with each other during the caravan especially when your out of radio range.
- c. Many 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 a little car

wash kit and pail with you with all your washing products and of course towels. If you have any questions on what to bring just ask one of the Members.

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM -

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) offers a number of events throughout the year. The most popular with our Members is the NCM Bash which is held during the last week in April. There is also the C-4 gathering, Vets N Vette's, and the Anniversary Hall of Fame Event in late August. Announcements are made well in advance of plans to travel Bowling Green, KY and members are given an opportunity to sign up for the event. The announcement and coordination are handled by our NCM Ambassador Paul Mariano. ([VETTELTDA@aol.com](mailto:VETTELTDA@aol.com)). Please check the NCM website for more information on the many events throughout the year. [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).

## NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK -

IN 2014, the NCM held the Grand Opening of the NEW Motorsports Park facility. This new 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 there in town. For more info on the Park click on [www.motorsportpark.org](http://www.motorsportpark.org).

or contact Brian Kruse or Paul Mariano.

### **NCM – CARAVAN - NC/SC/VA**

Once 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 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In 2003, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Caravan was organized to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette. In 2009, the 4<sup>th</sup> Caravan celebrated the NCM's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and brought approximately 6,000 Corvettes and enthusiasts to the NCM. The 5<sup>th</sup> Corvette Caravan celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and was the biggest and best yet. It also marked the Grand Opening of the NCM Motorsports Park Complex. 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 6<sup>th</sup> National Caravan, and the 25<sup>th</sup> NCM Anniversary Caravan has already started. The dates are August 28<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. To learn more and to be a part of this 25<sup>th</sup> celebration contact Wade Stickles ([wjstickels@aol.com](mailto:wjstickels@aol.com).) or Frank Sancineto at ([f6978@aol.com](mailto:f6978@aol.com).) You will want to be a part of this historical event.

### **ANNUAL QCCC BBQ / HOMECOMING -**

In October of every year, QCCC celebrates the Annual BBQ which will be held at the Davidson's Ranch. This event has become a QCCC Homecoming because so many of our members attend. You can expect 175- 200 members and guests to partake of this delicious BBQ and 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 event!

## QCCC CAR CARE DAYS -

This event is usually held twice a year on a Saturday at a member's garage and 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 may participate in a few parades every year. The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 holiday parades and Homecoming events throughout the different Carolina towns. Check with the President Paul Mitchell or our Automotive Director Roger Winge 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 Paul Schmitt at ([paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com](mailto:paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com).)*

## QCCC MONOGRAMMING & SCREEN PRINTING OF QCCC LOGO

There are local embroidery / screen printing shops that have the QCCC Logo and can monogram items for members. Below are businesses that are used by QCCC members.

- **Double B Graphix-** 924 Heckle Blvd. Rock Hill SC. 29732. 704-236-0404. Rob DeBoer or Brenda Brandon at 803-980-3312.
- **TEAM LOGO-** QCCC Members- Ron and Donna Berst - sell a variety of Men's and Ladies shirts, T-shirts, polo's, jackets, windbreakers, hats, tote bags, Ogio can coolers etc. with the QCCC Club logo and or the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo. The Winter order form and Catalog can be found on the QCCC website under apparel. [www.queencitycorvette.org](http://www.queencitycorvette.org).
- Their email address is: [donnaberst@windstream.net](mailto:donnaberst@windstream.net).

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!

All the Best,

**Paul Schmitt,**

**Membership Director- QCCC**

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