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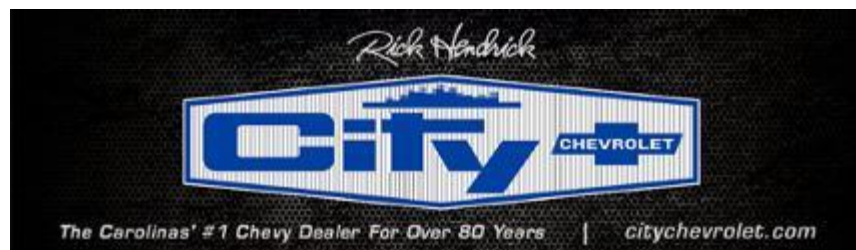
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***January and February Meetings have been cancelled
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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

Well, it is finally 2021. It doesn't feel normal yet, but there is a big feeling of hope in the air. Let's just hang on a little longer, get a vaccine, be careful, and soon we will be doing our "thang".

So what kind of "things" can we look forward to? The Board had a conference call meeting on January 5 to discuss what our plans can and will be. We acknowledge that we did not do much in 2020. We had only 5 meetings, and some daily drive activities, but we missed out on a lot of things. We will do all we can to make up for the loss in good times and good drives and good food and good drink. We discussed many new activities, drives to new places, and ways to get together to make up for all the lost time. We are looking at doing some joint activities with other Corvette clubs in the Region. We have the meeting locations planned out for the year, with the very strong hope (and prayer) that we will be able to start with our April meeting at the Loftin's. If we can do something in March, we are all in. We need to be patient, and continue to be careful as we move forward. But once the activities get going, it's full speed ahead on the fun meter for QCCC.

Planning for the 10th Annual Queen City Corvette Show has started. We will meet with our Hendrick partners in early February to start sorting out details. Tommy Loftin is lining up committee heads. Promotional materials are being developed. The date is October 2. It's going to be another fantastic event, and will again make QCCC proud. I am ready!!

You have received a Blast from Paul Mariano on the '21 Bash at the National Corvette Museum. The agenda has been developed for the activities, and Paul has lined up great rates on the rooms in Bowling Green. So hopefully that is a go for many of us. I can't wait to see 75-80 QCCC members at the Museum in April.

I have mentioned the Board has lots of things planned for the year. Please, if you have not yet done it, send in your dues for the New Year. We will assure you that it will be worth your time and money as we get back to a normal calendar of meetings and activities. And as always, thank you for your amazing support of and dedication to Queen City Corvette Club. We are the best in the country because of each one of you.

Won't be long when we can.....

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Social Scene



Social Director
Donna Berst

Happy 2021!

I am so looking forward to this new year! We have plenty of plans, in place, for fun filled QCCC meetings, trips & activities once we get the go ahead! Stay safe and watch for upcoming Blasts in February or March.

Donna Berst ~ 2021 QCCC Social Director

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I'm dedicated to rebuilding the relationship between the Queen City Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. Our team is looking forward to further fostering the connection through the mutual support of our organizations. You have my commitment.

Chris Boone, General Manager

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
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QCCC VP Report



January 2021

As I write this article, I'm thinking, as you probably are too, what I was doing this time last year. It was much different, as I was getting ready to participate in my first QCCC Board Meeting, getting ready to attend my first Barrett Jackson Car Auction in Scottsdale AZ where I got to watch Mr. Hendrick make his 3 million dollar winning bid on the first C8 Corvette, and making plans to attend the Rolex 24 at Daytona race.

Until the virus came out, it seems like there was a Corvette event every weekend. We plan to do the same this year, but have to wait only a couple more months.

We just had our January QCCC Board Meeting to review plans for 2021 and here are our tentative plans for the first four months.

January – no meeting, stay safe

February – no meeting, stay safe

March – planning an outdoor car event at Victory Event Center in their large parking lot (food and restrooms are available) and park in a circle so we can walk around and see each other's cars and any new C8s. We may be able to have a meeting depending on NC COVID rules. If not, then we'll just enjoy each other's cars and company in the parking lot.

April 10 – hold our member meeting at the Loftin's

The Board is making tentative plans through the rest of the year, such as one-day excursions and overnight trips, but have to wait to see what facilities are available.

As we do each year in January, the QCCC Inventory List has been prepared.

Let's have some fun in 2021!

Dick Gwilt, VP

704-651-8613

QCCC Inventory

January 2021

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	STORAGE LOCATION	SERIAL#	DATE PURCHASED
Carvin PA system	1	Go Store It - A176		
QCCC Logo 10 x 10 Yellow Tent	1	Go Store It - A176		04/01/18
QCCC Tent Weight Bags	10	Go Store It - A176		04/01/18
Small Step Ladder	1	Go Store It - A176		03/01/19
QCCC Logo 10 x 20 Silver Tent	1	Go Store It - A176		01/01/20
Portable 6' Tables - Black	2	Go Store It - A176		10/01/19
Adcraft RG-9 Hot Dog Roller	1	Go Store It - A176	19020170152	01/01/20
QCCC JBL Speakers	2	Go Store It - A176		02/01/18
QCCC Sound Mixer Board	1	Go Store It - A176		02/01/18
QCCC Wireless Shure Microphones	1	Go Store It - A176		05/01/18
QCCC JBL Portable PA System	1	Go Store It - A176		10/01/19
Equipment Cart	1	Go Store It - A176		05/01/19
Hendrick Prints	22	Go Store It - A176		10/01/19
Large White Board Checks	3	Go Store It - A176		09/01/18
White Board	2	Go Store It - A176		
Misc Banners	6	Go Store It - A176		
Historical Records		Travis Meredith		
Go-Store-It Keys for Unit #A176				
Roger Winge [Original & #5]				
Paul Mitchell [Key #3]				
Dick Gwilt [Key #4]				



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER
January



Justin Cross- Membership Director

I hope everyone was able to get in some relaxation and quality family time over the holiday to close out the year.

As we rev our engines into 2021, I am looking forward to getting back to the great QCCC fellowship that we have grown accustomed to. Although we are still in a holding pattern when it comes to our monthly meetings, I can tell you I am excited to see all that 2021 will bring for QCCC. Additionally, as we cruise the streets in our Corvettes, please always keep an eye out for fellow Corvette lovers and be sure to spread the word about our great club, along with all the wonderful members that make it up.

Please refer any prospective members to our website where they can complete a prospective member application. Once the application is submitted, they will receive all updates in regard club news, meetings, and upcoming social events.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	358
Total Families	162
Prospective Members	37
New Members Year to Date	0
Avg. Monthly Attendance	84



IN MEMORIAM

*The angels looked down from heaven one night,
They searched for miles afar,
And deep within the distance
They could see a shining star.*

*They knew that very instant
That the star was theirs to gain,
So they took you up to heaven,
Forever to remain.*

In loving memory of our dear QCCC friends lost in 2020

Bob McCall

Iris Binder

John Jensen

Carl Belfiore





AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Happy New Year! Just waiting for the end of the mess we are all in. I will be the first to jump on any automotive event, so we all have to be patient and it will open up. As of now the 2012 Michelin NCM BASH April 21st - 24th is on schedule so get your reservations.



UPCOMING 2020 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS
Check Facebook Pages & Websites for the latest event news

Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

To wish everyone a happy holiday season seems just a little facetious given all the tragedy our club has gone through this year. The loss of three of our members to the virus and several more having life threatening illnesses has certainly draped the joy of Christmas with a heavy blanket.

To add to the turmoil, the happenings at the Corvette Race Team has created a thousand questions regarding its future. First we hear Doug Fehan, the team program manager, has retired and then it appears he was asked to leave. So who know what the story is? Then Pratt and Miller is sold to Oskash which puts the future in doubt. Whether thou goest Corvette Racing??

Some good news is that the 2021 Corvette has gone into production. It will be good when the supply reaches the point that the dealers asking ridiculous prices for C8s can crawl back in their holes. However, just wait until you see what they want for the ZO6 when it arrives.

The bomb blast in Nashville has played havoc with the internet and communications at the museum. Hopefully, everything will be back on-line by the time you read this.

I know the NCM Bash is listed on the events page of the NCM Website but its format is still unknown. The events department is planning on an open event but the conditions surrounding the virus may dictate otherwise. I may be wrong, and hopefully I am, but I don't foresee things being back to normal by April. Based on that assumption, I will not be reserving a block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn but I will see if the management will honor our group rates for those calling in to reserve a room. I can only suggest at this time we make plans as if everything will be normal by then and adjust accordingly as the situation becomes clearer.

In order to enjoy the good times that are on the horizon in 2021, I once again make the plea that we all practice the preventative measures recommended by the health experts to remain safe and well until the danger has passed and all is once again normal. Just because we now have vaccines doesn't mean we can let down our guard for several more months. I don't want to lose any more friends.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-108
No. of NCM Members	-194(56%)
No. of Lifetime Members	- 42
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

QCCC Car Show and Charity Update

2021 Planning for the 10TH Annual Queen City Corvette Club all Corvette Car Show

We are in the early planning stage for the 10TH annual QCCC Car Show which will be held at the Hendricks Motorsport Complex on October 2nd, 2021. We have an opportunity for this to be one of the biggest Corvette shows in the nation, however we need your help. We will again offer QCCC club members the opportunity to display your Corvette at no charge. All you have to do is sign up for a work detail, donate an item to the silent auction or door prizes and register your Corvette. We are expecting 500 Corvettes, multiple vendors, food trucks, special Corvette displays, guided tours of the Heritage Center and much more. Mark your calendars and spread the word that QCCC Car Show is back and on schedule.

If you have any input or suggestions please contact Tommy Loftin to discuss your ideas. If you would like to become a Team Leader or play a more up-front roll at the show let me know. I will keep you informed through the news letter and e-mail blast as needed.

Please get on board and get involved,

Tommy Loftin



QCCC Charity Update

As you know QCCC has approved our 2021 charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch located in Concord, NC. We will be working closely with them as the year progresses. We are planning another work day at the ranch as soon as weather permits. Let's all get involved with this very special organization so that they can better serve our community.

Thanks,

QCCC Charity Committee



Happy January Birthdays!!!!

Hi QCCC Members! It's time to start the New Year (a much happier one we hope) with a celebration of QCCC January Member Birthdays!!! We hope you join us in celebrating our member birthdays here in the QCCC Newsletter every month. And, when we are able to have face-to-face meetings, we will celebrate there too!!

The QCCC January Birthdays are listed below. Please join me in wishing everyone on the list:

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

As we do every month, we drew a lucky Birthday member's name, at random, and a Darden Restaurant Gift Card will be presented to the winner. The January 2021 Birthday Restaurant Gift Card WINNER is:

Jack Higgins

CONGRATULATIONS JACK !!! You will receive your e-Gift Card via email through Amazon, so please watch your inbox (or spam/junk mail)!!

We sure to miss seeing everyone and we wish you **ALL** many Blessings for a Safe, Healthy and Happier New Year !!!

Virtual Hugs,

Carolyn Zimmer

QCCC Secretary

Carolynz77@yahoo.com



QCCC
BIRTHDAYS*

January

- 1/3 Andrea Johnson (A)
- 1/3 Ron Smith
- 1/4 Carole Callea
- 1/6 Jamie Hinson
- 1/7 Wendy Callahan
- 1/7 Travis Meredith
- 1/7 Brian Moore
- 1/8 Chris Wood
- 1/9 Jack Perrault
- 1/10 Laura Pelchat
- 1/10 Paul Pelkey
- 1/11 Chris Farrell
- 1/13 Bill Ingram
- 1/13 Ken Heavlin
- 1/15 Ted Alford
- 1/17 Scott Hamilton
- 1/18 Kay Weisberg
- 1/19 **Jack Higgins ***WINNER*** BIRTHDAY E-GIFT CARD**
- 1/23 Wayne Waddle
- 1/25 Edie Downs (A)
- 1/25 Betsy Kashinsky
- 1/26 Richard Murawa
- 1/31 Kathie Finocchi

*QCCC Members: If you would like your Birthday added or deleted from our Birthday List, please send an email to QCCC Secretary Carolyn Zimmer, carolynz77@yahoo.com.

Vintage QCCC



***With the Vintage Gang: Bill Cruthis 1974,
Bill Ingram 1973, Darrell Kirkley 1973,
and Travis Meredith 1970***

Only limited knowledge that this Vintage QCCC gang tries to meet every 3 months for dinner at one of our homes, or before Covid we would venture out to a local eatery. Judging from the laughter, volume, and some of the details, it may be best that we remain out of the public domain.

This last Saturday was our Christmas celebration held at Trav and Sharon Meredith's home. As usual the men headed down to Trav's man cave, while the women gathered on the closed in porch. Only once during the pre-meal wine and beer sampling, did Darrell have to go out to the porch and quiet the ladies down.

Trav's man cave is a walk back in time. There must be 200 model cars on display, posters, pictures, Corvette literature in every nook and cranny, plus the walls are covered. You could spend a day in there and not see it all. Beside the group listed at the top of the page add Larry Miller, and Steve James 1978, to our group. I would be safe in telling you that if you have Trav, Darrell, Bill Ingram, Larry Miller, and Steve James in a room, then you have almost all of the knowledge about Corvettes and other Drag Racers in the Charlotte area going back to the 60's. It is really incredible! I can't take notes so this is just from what I recall of the conversation and I probably won't get it all right.

Things I learned during this dinner...

Trav's favorite Nascar driver was Billy Meyers. Trav, Darrell, Larry and Steve knew of him and somehow Chocolate Meyers figured in. They raced on a track long since gone, in the North area of town, but not Metrolina.

Bill, Darrell, Trav, and Steve knew of a car lot owned by Larry Pace who all considered a reputable fellow. Turns out Steve in about 1975, was looking at a silver 67 coupe with black guts, side exhaust and aluminum wheels with a big block 390 hp. Bill then informs us that was the car he bought from Larry and it was also the car that I was present when a guy from North Wilkesboro came to Charlotte to view the car. Bill had a \$5000 price on it. The car looked brand new, and this fellow said it was too much and he left. He stopped at a pay phone ½ way home and called to tell Bill that he thought he would take the car. Bill told him the car was still for sale to anyone but you. That was a good lesson for me. Pick your battles, especially when you have a weak argument. Then Steve told us about buying his 67 coupe at Auto Fair. He and Darrell had restored a Chevelle and how he traded with the guy for the Corvette. Of course half the room knew of his car's history.

The old story of Jeff Tater usually comes up. The club had a social on Lake Wylie. Tater had married into the Van Every family, (can we all say Lance crackers) therefore he had unlimited funds to buy toys with. He had acquired a speed boat. Darrell explained how these are driven in that under acceleration you need to go straight. Now after immense alcoholic intake, Tater was on the boat with Bill Ingram and young son Marty, when Tater's alcoholic state took over. He was headed for the bank when he finally got it right but the boat front end raised up and it glided right onto the bank and settled down between two pine trees. (oops Joni Ingram had not heard this story about her young son before.) Several QCCC guys decided to carry it over and put it on the trailer. It was parked for the night. I am always in awe that as we talk about the old times, someone's name comes up and sure enough they all have a tale to tell about them. This time there was discussion about Rick the body and paint guy that does a lot of work for Darrell. There were so many stories told that night that I believe that I will take notes next time.

Vintage QCCC



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Next they dove into Dale Earnhardt Jr's Podcast. Jr. is a big fan of Nascar History, that is like throwing a pitch to these guy's sweet spot. Seems like they knew more about the history than the podcast.

Before we went upstairs to eat Trav said he had something for us to do. Trav is the resident artist for QCCC. He has the patience and the talent to do this. He explained how he had arranged the man cave, with Corvette models of cars he had in his lifetime, then an area of Nascar cars with the one of Billy Myers. Then he had eight models sitting on the left side of the man cave. He started by playing a game of do you know whose car this is? One was Buzz Cagle's 67 big block. Ingram always wanted to buy this one but never got it. Then he had Robert Scognamillo's 66 convertible complete with the American flag on the trunk lid. Next he had a Silver 67 big block, black stinger, side exhaust and this was the one I mentioned earlier(Bill Ingram's car.) Then he had a model of Darrell's newest red C3. Then he had my 63 coupe. I told Trav he had now painted that car twice as he painted the real deal after I stripped it. Next was Larry Miller's 1964 red convertible and finally Steve James's 67 coupe. Trav said he needed something to do during covid. These were so detailed that you knew how long this had taken. My early modeling days were in Jr and Sr high school. In my type A progress I would start on the suspension gluing parts together. I know the glue said to let it set for 4 hours but I knew better, 10 to 15 minutes tops. Then pretty quickly I had glue all over everything and parts that were not to be glued had excess glue on them. I told the group that you could tell I did not assemble this 1963 because this one's wheels turned where my excess glue stuck my wheels. Too much glue and it ends up on your fingers then when you pick up a piece of chrome the glue will take that shiny silver off leaving white plastic.

We all ended up with our cars of the 70's with exact detail. He also had a Tupperware box the exact size for us to get them home and he had tissue paper to wrap them in. These will be such a great keep sake for each of us. He had gone on E-bay or Amazon to find the exact correct car for each of us. There are a lot of ways to define friendship, but I would put Trav's name in there somewhere. We have had too much tragedy this year, but nights like last Saturday are what makes QCCC such a special group. We will muster forward knowing each tragedy is a speed bump and only serves to tighten us. We are looking forward to getting back to meeting's and events where we can drive our cars.

We will make our own history as QCCC carries on.

Submitted by Bill Cruthis



On **facebook** ?

ICYMI – we have TWO Facebook pages?

QCCC Members is a 'closed' group for only paid QCCC members
www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/

- Members have to ask to join
- Once approved, any member can freely post your photos, car events, videos and share/post Corvette-related news.

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Groups



Pages



QCCC Members

88 members



Queen City Corvette Club



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LAST LAUGHS



"If you would've hit a regular car I would've given you a ticket. Since you hit a Corvette, you'll get 10 years."

BUCKLES/ by David Gilbert

