



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

April has arrived and so has the warm weather. I have some of my cars ready to cruise this summer but not all so I am going to have to kick it in gear to get the job done.

First off, this past month was our annual swap meet at Kelsey Chevrolet. We have not had a swap meet since 2019. I was concerned that with missing three years we were not on the radar anymore. We were able to secure radio time on four Cumulus radio stations for eight weeks. We cannot thank them enough for the 15 second public service announcements that seemed to run six to eight times every day for weeks.

Next, we had our new sponsor, Kelsey Chevrolet, accommodate us in every way they could, from cleaning the service and parts areas to literally giving us the keys to the store. In addition to the run of the store they were kind enough to buy \$1,000.00 in raffle tickets.

This year I was worried about the raffle tickets since we did not have Gary Grever who sold \$2,500 to \$3,000 himself. Well, as usual, our members rose to the challenge. We ended up with a total of \$6,200 in total

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April Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Tom's Garage
282 S. Miami
Cleves, Ohio 45002

Phone: 513-377-8182

Come and see the progress Tom has made on his Chevelle in the past year.

Please remember to bring a chair.

QCNCRS Website Information

<https://qc.ncrs.org/>

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NOTICE!

Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for getting information, into the newsletter is the 2nd of each month. If it isn't here, we will publish without you.

ticket sales. That is the second best we have had in years so congratulations to our members for a great effort.

The members who volunteered to put on the swap meet were second to none, from the girls and guys who cooked and who did the food vending, to set up and layout, and to the split-the-pot girls. You all deserve a round of applause!

The swap meet itself was a sellout. We had only 50 spots and had to turn away about 10 late comers. Many vendors sold a lot of parts, so it looks like next year is going to be even better. The door was down from where we were with 290 people paying admission, but I still consider that a success since this was the first time in three years as well as a new location.

This month we welcome a new member, Thomas "T Bone" Bradford. We hope he has the time to attend our Club activities and become one of the group.

We have chosen a date for our Chapter Judging Event, October 14, 2023, to be held at Kelsey Chevrolet in the Body Shop drive through, the same place as last year which worked out perfect. Put the date on your calendar and plan on attending this great event or bring your car to be judged.

We will have the totals for the swap meet at next month's meet at my garage on April 18th, 282 S. Miami, Cleves, Ohio 45002. I hope we have a crowd at my place in April. We are going to have a grill out to finish off the goodies from the swap meet.

A special thank you to all of the members who donated the food for the swap meet, Kenn Bragg, Mark Young, and Keith Eve. As well I would like to thank Jeff Lauch for selling some items that were left over from the last silent auction. Jeff raised over \$400.00 for the Shriners. Thank you gentlemen!

Enough of my rambling...see you all at my place on the 18th.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

Like every generation before it, the C5 Corvette development program resulted in many fascinating preproduction testbed vehicles. The first running C5 example was the CERV IVa in May 1993, a cobbled-together C4 with the C5's backbone frame, rear transaxle, and an iron-block Gen II 350. Then came the CERV IVb in January 1994 with similar C4 bones but packing an iron-block version of the Gen III LS1 because Alcoa was having trouble with aluminum block castings when it was built. These two C4-based mules saw more than a year of hard use until the arrival of alpha (July 1994) and beta (May 1995) test cars. The CERV IVb was sold at the 2009 Barrett-Jackson West Palm Beach auction for \$37,400. Consider it was reported to have cost General Motors \$600,000 to build, the buyer received quite a deal.

Preproduction Corvette test cars have always been prime camera bait. In July 1994, between 10 and 20 alpha-build engineering test cars were built that were repeatedly captured by amateur and professional spy photographers alike. Each test car wore matte black paint and represented the first real-time mating of C5 body, driveline, and chassis components. Although most were crushed, a few survived, and one sold at Barrett-Jackson in January 2009.

A year after the alpha-build cars were completed, 28 beta-build C5 test cars were built in the summer of 1995. Painted matte white and closer yet to production status, these cars endured more than 500,000 miles of testing in Canada, Australia, and Death Valley. After the betas came still-closer prototypes, then pre-pilots (in August 1996), then pilots (in September 1995). The pre-pilot and pilot cars were built at Bowling Green to establish assembly line procedures. The pilots received 50-state-legal VIN tags and were often sold to retail customers after completing magazine road tests or making the car-show rounds. Any C5 with VIN sequence under 100 is likely a pilot car.

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Quarter Page

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\$150.00 / month or \$1,200.00 / year

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QCNCRS Corvette related classified “wanted and parts for sale” are free; however, they cannot be carried over to the next issue unless requested before the issue deadline.

TERRIE'S CORVETTE TRIVIA Ans. on Last Page

1. What was the displacement of the 1956 V-8 engine? 265, 283 or 327
2. 1964 Corvettes had a split rear window. True or False.
3. What year was Inca silver offered as an exterior color? 1956, 1957 or 1963
4. What was the first-year kilometers appeared on speedometers? 1967, 1975 or 1977
5. The 1980 Corvette is a member of the 4th, 5th or 6th generation of Corvettes?
6. What was the first year for roof panel luggage racks? 1977, 1980 or 1981



March QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Tom Smith

March 21, 2023

QCNCRS meeting Tomcat Classics and Street Rods
Tom James, Chairman, started with thanking Lecia Calvert for having us at Tomcat Classics and Street Rods in Lebanon, Ohio.

Tom thanked all the volunteers who worked the swap meet on Sunday at Kelsey Chevrolet. No matter what department, from cooking to the doors, it was a complete team effort. Thank you. So far the total is \$6,150 on the raffle, which is the second highest amount we have ever had. It just goes to prove we can do this ourselves. Kelsey donated \$1,000 with \$700 in the grandkid's names. The total number of people at the door was 290, which is down a little, but we have not had a swap meet in 3 years, but all the spaces were sold out.

Tom wants to buy the Parts and Service Departments at Kelsey lunch. A motion was entered and passed. Tom had talked to the Parts Manager, and he said no one complained, from the technicians to the parts personnel. One of the best things that Tom noticed was that we were all done by 3:05 PM. Next year we will need to have someone man the back door and sell entry tickets at this location.

The next thing Tom mentioned was that the National membership dues went up \$10 a year from \$50 to \$60. He also stated that the National meeting held recently was to be recorded, however, due to a technical error the meeting were not videotaped.

Next item is the swap meet for next year. Someone asked if we are the only club that has a swap meet every year. Tom said the Florida Chapter had one, but they are moving to a museum and have discontinued this event. The St. Louis Chapter recently called Tom about having a car show and wanted some advice on how to proceed. Steve Barrett mentioned we should improve the flyers for next year and recommended a more prominent display of both our Chapter and Shriner logo. Tom agreed and said we need to improve upon these things for the swap meet next year.

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..... Tom Smith - continued

Jerry Hilbert brought up the fact that we need to thank the Indiana chapter of the Shriner's. Chris from the Shriner's sold a lot of raffle tickets. They have a steak dinner every Thursday starting in May. We should all get together with our Corvettes and cruise over. The steak is supplied by a local Shriner and it is very good. Cost is \$25 a person.

Cathy did a great job selling the split the pot tickets this year. The totals are still not complete yet. Thank you to the Kelsey's for cleaning up the shop, they did a really nice job. They were excited to have the event and Mike Kelsey asked if there is anything we can do for us next year.

A lot of people complimented us on having the national anthem played at the event. We told them it is done at most car shows we go to.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, gave the financial report for the previous month and a motion was passed to accept it.

We had one potential new member in attendance, Keith from Lebanon Ohio, who was welcomed. He has a 1970 C3 convertible and is looking forward to learning a few things. Hopefully he likes what he sees and will join the Chapter.

Tom James introduced Lecia Calvert and she gave us some information about her shop. Lecia told members to come buy a car and that they have a cruise-in every Thursday starting in April. Bob Evans lets them use the lot next door for overflow. It costs nothing to attend so bring your car out and head on over for a night of fun.

Joe Eyl, Historian, asked if everyone could send in a tech article which they can write in a couple of pages in order that we maintain our Top Flight status for the club. We must submit 6 articles every year. Also, on August 15th we are going to have a judging school at Bruce Bursten's between 4:30 and 6:30 PM; this will take place prior to our regular meeting which will be held at Bruce's.

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..... Tom Smith - continued

Remember, we need to have 14-15 corvettes at each meeting to stay qualified for the Top Flight status. It is very important that everyone drive their corvette to an event or meeting.

We need to get hold of Vinnie before the end of the month to put the chapter meet in the Driveline magazine.

The Chapter picnic will take place on September 17th at Horse Power Farm. All members are invited, and their spouses or guests are invited to attend.

Chris Rockenfield, Co-Chair, wanted to thank all the women who volunteered on Sunday; they did an outstanding job.

The ALS car show held in Lawrenceburg, Indiana will be May 5th. Between 800-1000 cars will be there; some only come to this one show. It is worth the trip. Split the pot was drawn and we had a winner.

Tom James asked Lecia to give us a tour and she agreed.

The meeting was adjourned.

QCNCRS March Meeting Photos



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QCNCRS Club Shirt Ordering



Pricing and shirt options are changing.

For information on Club Shirt pricing, colors and sizing as well as to place an order please contact Terrie James at tmjames7329@gmail.com or 513-300-6411



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Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00

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Street Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____

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You must be an active member of NCRS to join a chapter.

National NCRS Number: _____

Options for membership renewal:

1. Renew Queen City Chapter Membership online at:
<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/chapter-membership.php>
2. Complete the above form and send payment of \$20.00 (payable to QCNCRS) to: Terrie James, 7329 Southpointe Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.

Questions, please call Terrie James at 513-300-6411 or email at tmjames7329@gmail.com.

Trivia Answers: 1. 265. 2. False. 3. 1957. 4. 1975. 5. 5th. 6. 1977.