



# *The Side Draft*

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## ***Chairman's Message..... Tom James***

Ahh yes, July is here with all of the hot weather. Car shows and cruise-ins are at full strength so get out there and enjoy it; before we know it, we will have coats on again.

Our last meeting at George and Linda Swartz's house was a great success. We had about 36 members and spouses in attendance with a representative from the Shriners, Kari Tucker. Ms. Tucker attended the meeting so that we could present our donation to the Shriners from our raffle held at our swap meet in March. Kari told us we have been donating to the Shriners since 1996. Our overall donation from years past was \$75,400. With this year's check I am happy to report that we now have donated \$80,000.00 to this great charity. The work they do free of charge for recipients is truly amazing and I am proud the Queen City NCRS has been able to help them along the way. Once again, this donation has made us the top NCRS Chapter in the county for charitable contributions. I would like to challenge the other 44 Chapters to meet or exceed our commitment to their charities which they support. I hope to get knocked out of the top spot in the future we can set the bar a little higher for all Chapters.

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## ***July Meeting Information***

**Date:** Tuesday, July 18, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Noel Grace Factory Hot Rods  
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West Chester, Ohio 45246

**Phone:** 513-266-2515

**Website:** [factoryhotrods.net](http://factoryhotrods.net)

**Email:** [vettes4you@aol.com](mailto:vettes4you@aol.com)

**Come and see the collection of beautiful "works of art" which Noel and his crew are currently working on!**

**Please remember to bring a chair and remember to drive your Corvette!**

## ***QCNCRS Website Information***

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

**Webmaster:** George Denman [gc@ncrs.org](mailto:gc@ncrs.org)

## ***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.**

### *Chairman's message - continued*

The July meeting will be held at Factory Hot Rods, 4884 Duff, Suite F, West Chester, Ohio 45246. Noel Grace and his crew debuted a car at Bloomington Gold that defied words. The gentleman who commissioned the car has some health issues and wanted a special car that he could: 1. Fit into; 2. Drive comfortably; 3. Have the look he wanted. The special look he wanted was the front of a 1958 with the interior room of a 1966. When I first heard of this car, I was a bit skeptical as to what it might look like but what a work of art it turned out to be. I encourage members to attend our July meeting to hear how Noel built this machine and the many others in his pipeline soon to be finished.

I would like to welcome Kathy Plummer back to the Club. I am sure many of you remember Kathy's late husband Reese who was a long-time member. Welcome Kathy!

A program I have seen at other Chapters is a member's bulletin board of their cars. What I would like to start is having members take a picture of their rides and send the picture(s) of the car along with a brief description as to when you bought it, restored it, etc. to George Denman at [georgedenman3@gmail.com](mailto:georgedenman3@gmail.com). We brought this idea up at the last meeting and so far, we have received about 10 cars. I am guessing we have about 300 cars in our Club. Some members say we have more, so let's find out. We will not print your full name or contact information, so your privacy is safe.

Check out the website John Waggoner and George Denman have revamped. It looks great! I would like some feedback on the site so let me know what you think, and if you have an idea let's hear it.

That is enough for now from me. I hope to see you all at the July meeting and remember to drive those Corvettes to the next meeting. Save The Wave!

Tom

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## **Fun Facts ..... Tom James**

Like each previous Corvette generation, the C4 Corvette also had a bit of station-wagon lore into its DNA. Although the functional hatchback answered the plea for a station-wagon C4 body option, still 10 1984 Caprice Classic station wagons were refitted with L83 Cross Fire Injection 350 engines, C4 exhaust systems, Turbo 700-R4 automatic transmissions, and 16-inch Corvette wheels and tires. Dick Blasley explains, "Because the C4 chassis and body-tooling design teams were experiencing communication difficulties, there were no preproduction prototypes to use for durability testing when we needed them. So, we put together these wagons."

The L83 Cross Fire Caprice wagons were used in a variety of roles. One involved around-the-clock driving at the GM Milford Proving Grounds in Michigan. Teams of drivers worked in shifts to quickly amass 25,000 miles of use to validate reliability and economy of the Corvette driveline subsystems on board. The use of Corvette wheels and tires was done to accurately simulate Corvette driveline speeds. Although nine of the C4-infused Caprice wagons were scrapped around 1985, one was retained as a chase vehicle. Later in the C4 development program, convoys of test Corvettes were repeatedly driven from Detroit to Phoenix on public highways, where the hopped-up wagon made an ideal support vehicle. With plenty of room for spare parts, tools, and luggage, it was also thirsty. Balsey added, "at more than 5,000 pounds, fuel economy wasn't great, and we couldn't allow it to interfere with the testing for frequent fuel stops just for the chase car. So we installed a 38-gallon tank, which provided a range comparable to the Corvettes it was escorting." So there it was, a 1984 Cross Fire Caprice station wagon with shades of the Z06 "big-tank" era.

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***TERRIE'S CORVETTE TRIVIA*** Ans. on Last Page

1. The finger depression plate door opening mechanism was introduced in 1968. True or False.
2. What year did the headliners changes from fiberboard to vinyl? 1955, 1966 or 1969.
3. The C88 climate-controlled air conditioning system first appeared in 1985. True or False.
4. General Motors halted production of the 1974 Corvette due to the Arab oil embargo. True or False.
5. An oil cooler became standard equipment in 1984. True or False.
6. What was the first year for Delco's HEI ignition? 1975, 1976 or 1977.



## **June QCNCRS Meeting Minutes**

**..... Tom Smith**

June 17, 2023

Location: George and Linda Swartz's Home

Tom James Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked George and Linda Swartz for having it at their home. We have a lot of little things to go over tonight. Chris Rockenfield thanked the 10 people who showed up for the tech seminar at his house on Saturday. It was a great time, and everyone felt it was interesting and learned something. Chris brought the bolts that were refinished on Saturday. Tom James added, thank you, Chris, for having the event.

Tom James took over again and reminded us that on October 14<sup>th</sup> we are having a Chapter Meet at Kelsey Chevrolet in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. We will need to set up judges and cars for this event. Tom would appreciate people signing up early and had some volunteers at the meeting. Also, the Indiana Chapter needs judges for their August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meet in Fort Wayne. Joe Eyl will get the judging sheets. Terrie James asked if Tom James was going to get the donuts? Tom got a lot of ribbing about the donuts because of the cost last year. Judging starts at 8AM and cars can be brought there on Friday evening.

Tonight, we have a special guest from the Ohio Shriners, Kari Tucker. She started by looking up the amount this Club has donated since 1996 which is \$75,400. Wow! Shriners is a burn and pediatric hospital that performs plastic surgery to repair the damage from burns as well as other childhood diseases. Kari stated that this cannot be done without support and donations such as ours. Barb Hilbert gave her 2 checks, one from our Chapter and another from NCRS National for \$500, bringing our total to date to \$80,000 dollars. Thank you to all members. We are the number one donating chapter in the country per Tom James.

Moving on, Friday evening was the steak dinner at the Indiana Shriners lodge in Dillsboro, Indiana. The cost ranged from \$18 to \$25 dollars. The steak dinner was great and filled up the entire plate.

## **June QCNCRS Meeting Minutes**

**..... Tom Smith**

We caravanned out from the Cleves, OH Kroger's parking lot. Parking was easy and we had 27 members and their spouses/guests in attendance with 14 Corvettes there. A good time was had by all.

Next up, Bloomington Gold this year was not that great. Guy Larson, who owns the meet, spoke with Tom James and asked if he had any ideas. Tom said why not have a different subject every year that is the attraction. For example, Tom said why not focus on fuel injection from the 1950's to today. Guy thought this was a great idea. Bloomington Gold did not have a great turnout, and the swap meet was dead. Al Knoch Interiors did not sell \$2,000 dollars' worth of merchandise. That does not pay for the diesel to Indiana.

Barb, Treasurer, went over the financials and a motion was passed to accept it. Steve Barrett suggested using Fidelity Bank, and Barb will investigate it.

Terrie James, Membership Chair, informed us that we lost one member and gained another one for a total of 92 members.

Tom asked John Waggoner and George Denman about getting members' cars on the web site and they are working on it. Tom wants a feature car of the month and to know how many Corvettes are in the club for various reasons.

Joe Eyl, Historian, informed everyone that the tech session was a no points session and thanked everyone who came.

Tom Smith, Secretary, thanked Chris Rockenfield for having the tech session at his place and cleaning up.

Tom James asked George Swartz to talk about his cars and collection that has gotten smaller in the past couple of years.

Split the pot was drawn and the meeting was adjourned.

**QCNCRS June Meeting Photos**



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**QCNCRS Shriner's Dinner**



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**QCNCRS Tech Session**



**QCNCRS Promotion at 2023 St. Susanna car show recruitment tent**



**QCNCRS @ Bloomington**



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## Technical Article

A Quick Article - The Result of An Accidental Paragon Purchase.  
by Tom Dingman 4889 and 810 338 0307

GM 3819757 & 3819758 were the numbers assigned to two small brackets, a bit over two inches Long, and made for GM's Corvettes. These, and others, were first designed (for 1963) to hold 327 ignition shields for Corvettes. GM Service Parts Division sold them out of group number 9.663. For these two parts, applications were limited to the "Chevy small block" engines.

For example, the 11-81 rev. of the Corvette Parts book had the two numbers above listed for 1963 (327s) all the way up to 1979 for 350 engines. GM 3819757 appeared in the 9.663 group multiple times as "SUPPORT, IGN SI OTR, RR SHIELD FRT". GM 3819758 appeared in the same group as "SUPPORT, IGN SI OTR, RR SHIELD RR". I had no idea what "SI" stands for; Perhaps it is "shielded ignition".

Without much study, I bought these GM parts in about 1975. My favorite dealer back then was Hartway Motors of Medina, NY. They are still there as Hartway Chevrolet, in the same building.

In 2023, I bought (by mistake) Paragon's number 1635. I noted the Paragon part had "PR" stamped on it, so I dug up the two GM numbered parts mentioned above.

The point of this short article is this: I found stamped supplier identification on the GM parts also. In fact, these two GM parts have the words "Made in Canada" as well as the logo shown below. I do not know if my 1970s era service parts are exactly like OEM versions. In any case, I think it would be difficult for a NCRS Mechanical judge to see such markings. Are there any comments on that? One other NCRS Member told me there were other stampings on OEM versions.

Here is the GM number 3819758. Please tell me what the logo is.



For reference, below is Paragon number 1635. I don't know the exact application, but my Paragon receipt (\$5 item) says "SUPPORT 63-72 SP/PLUG SHIELD STAINLESS STEEL". This part has a bit of an angle compared to the GM examples above.



As usual, I am very much interested in your comments about these parts. For example, if you know the logo on the GM part, or if you have one without a logo, from an actual build of a Corvette (OEM part), then please contact the author of this article, Tom Dingman.

## QCNCRS Club Shirt Ordering



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



## QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2023 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

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**Spouse's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Questions, please call Terrie James at 513-300-6411 or email at [tmjames7329@gmail.com](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com).**

**Trivia Answers: 1. True. 2. 1966. 3. False. 4. False. 5. False. 6. 1975.**