



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Ahhhh! Yes! May has arrived and so has car cruise season. I hope this writing finds everyone with good health and on a mission to get those classic cars out.

Last month's meeting was held at my garage with a good attendance to enjoy our first try at a cookout. The meal went well without a glitch so that may be a sign of future grill outs to come.

We had a recap of the total money we made at the swap meet in March. Without going into all the details, we have a total of \$3,901.00 to donate to the Shriners. A motion was put to the members to round the total to \$4,000.00 and was passed unanimously. With that amount to donate, the National will match with a \$500.00 donation also, so we have a total to donate to the Shriners Hospital of \$4,500.00 this year. I think that is a great job by our members to support a very deserving charity. Great work everyone!

Now that the swap meet is behind us we have an opportunity to pay back the Southeastern Shriners who helped us the day of our swap meet by selling \$1,000.00 in raffle tickets. They hold a dinner every third Friday beginning in May and ending in October. They serve T-bone steaks, pork chops, chicken, and steak burger dinners which include biscuits, apple butter, fried potatoes, green beans, soup, salad, and dessert. The

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May Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Jaguar – Land Rover of Cincinnati
9115 Blue Ash Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Phone: Chris Rockenfield
513-602-8819

The meeting will be held in the back of the building (9115B) with the "collection of cars" seen from Ronald Reagan Highway.

Please remember to bring a chair.

QCNCRS Website Information

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

Webmaster: George Denman 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

meals range in price from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per person. We have chosen Friday, June 16th, to meet at Kroger, 4001 State Route 128, Cleves, Ohio 45002 at 6:00 PM and caravan to Dillsboro, Indiana to enjoy a meal and the company of our Club mates and their wives or guests. Sign up early by contacting Terrie James at tmjames7329@gmail.com so that we can let the SEI Chapter of the Shriners know how many of our members will be attending. This is a great opportunity to exercises those Vettes. The location is 24 miles from Kroger to the restaurant, so come and enjoy the fun of a dinner and cruise.

Our next item of business is our website. We seem to have lost the following we once had on our site. I have asked many members if they have been on the site lately and to my surprise the answer was that no one has visited the site for some time. When I looked at other chapter's websites, I noticed some are worse than ours, however, a few really keep you engaged to see what is going on in their chapters. Many have club pictures as well as member's cars with a history of ownership and what is being done if anything. I would like to propose that we enlist a company to design a new, more modern website. I believe this is an opportunity of our Club to show just what can be achieved with membership increases and activities to include more members. This will not be cheap, but with more exposure we could sell this to more sponsors. I will have more information on this to see how much interest there is at our next meeting; if you can attend the next meeting, please do so. Your input is needed to guide our Chapter into the future.

We will be holding a tech meeting on Saturday, June 17th at Chris Rockenfield's house to discuss finishes on parts, how best to go about it, and what they should look and feel like. I hope all can attend. It is free with lunch on your own after the session.

We have two (2) new members to welcome to our Chapter, Steve Penrod and Edward "Skip" Polowy. Welcome gentlemen! In addition, Lecia Calvert has once again rejoined our Chapter. Welcome back Lecia!

Lastly, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 PM at Jaguar – Land Rover of Cincinnati, 9115 Blue Ash Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. **The meeting will be held in the back of the building (9115B) with the "collection of cars" seen from Ronald Reagan Highway.**

Save The Wave!
Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

The Sting Ray made history, and waves, for being one of the few post-World War II cars built without a conventionally opening trunk lid. Other vehicles with this inconvenient feature were the economy oriented 1950-1954 Kaiser Henry J and the 1953-1958 Nash Metropolitan. But even then, only the earliest 1950 Henry J body shells were not stamped for a trunk lid. And in the case of the Metropolitan, Rambler added an opening trunk lid on all 1959-1962 units. Most Corvette owners probably assumed the lack of a trunk lid was based on some engineering need, when the actual purpose was to cut cost. However, thanks to articulated bucket seats, owners still found ways to load smaller cargo. The next Corvette with an easily accessed cargo bay did not arrive until 1982.

The lone exception to the Sting Ray's trunk-less nature was the 1963 Grand Sport coupe, an ultra-lightweight factory road racer. Each of the six cars built featured a neatly trimmed trunk lid big enough to accept a full-sized spare tire, a race-ready 6.50-15 Firestone Super Sports mounted to a 15 x 6-inch magnesium Halibrand knock-off wheel in the Grand Sport's case. Although the standard Sting Ray carried its spare tire in a hinged tray mounted behind the rear suspension facing the road surface, the Grand Sport factory race cars had to meet Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) rules, which mandated an operable, hinged trunk lid. The FIA also mandated that a suitcase be carried on board during the races!

Newsletter Advertising Rates

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\$25.00 / month or \$275.00 / year

Quarter Page

\$40.00 / month or \$350.00 / year

Half Page

\$75.00 / month or \$600.00 / year

Full Page

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

Sponsor

\$500.00 / year with direct website link

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. Drum brakes could be ordered on 1965 Corvettes. True or False.
2. The trim emblem was an added piece, instead of cast on the 1964 Corvette glove box door. True or False.
3. Due to safety regulations, the knock-off wheel option was no longer available in 1967. True or False.
4. What year did Corvette discontinue the convertible? 1969, 1973 or 1975.
5. 1982 Corvettes introduced Liquid Crystal digital instrumentation for the first time. True or False.
6. The 1984 Corvette body underwent its most radical change since the 1968 model. True or False.



April QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Tom Smith

April 18, 2023

Tom James, Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to his garage on this beautiful April evening. Tom thanked Lecia Calvert for having the meeting at here shop last month. There was a round of applause.

Tom started out with a revamp of the swap meet from March for anyone who was not there. Starting over from scratch and in a new location was a challenge for the club and we rose to meet it. Everything went smooth, except for the back door, which we will change for next year. Jeff helped out on the silent auction, and we raised another \$400. All 50 spaces were sold out this year and we can sell another 15-20 next year if needed in another building; we think we can change it around a little for next year to get some more room.

Thank you to the Indiana Shriner's. They were very helpful in selling our raffle tickets. One member of the Shriner's, Chris Powell, sold about \$1000 of raffle tickets that day thus making our donation to the Shriner's hospital about \$3900.00.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, went over the financial reports for March. We had actually raised \$3901 for the Shriner's and Barb asked if we wanted to round this number up to an even \$4000. A motion was passed and accepted to do that. The National NCRS will also donate another \$500 so our total donation to the Shriner's will be \$4500.00.

Tom James reminded us we bought lunch for Kelsey Chevrolet as a thank you for letting us use the dealership and the service department to have the yearly fund raiser swap meet. Tom informed us that the Shriners do not receive any of the money we raised, it all goes to the Shriners Hospital. Every third Friday of the month the Indiana Shriners have a steak dinner in Dillsboro, Indiana between 5-8PM. These dinners begin on May 19th and end in September. This is how they raise funds for the organization. Tom thinks we should attend one month, maybe all caravan over from his place in our cars. More information on this to follow so please check your emails.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, said we have some new members in attendance this month and she introduced them. Steve Penord, a new member introduced himself. Skip Polowy another new member from Maineville, Ohio, introduced himself,

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..... Tom Smith - continued

and said he has a 1967 and a 2019 Corvette. We also had one guest in attendance, Dan Lasita.

Terrie revised the swap meet flier and passed it around so people could see it. She did not think the Kelsey Chevrolet logo came very well and is looking for any ideas how to clear it up. The new flyer has a Corvette on it and is in color. The printing cost will be a little more but is worth it.

Tom James took the floor to talk about our website. The website was recently changed but no longer has a counter on the page. Tom wants to get the website updated and have a counter placed on it. He suggested maybe starting it over and making it more user friendly. George said he would look into this.

Joe Eyl, Historian, will talk to Vinnie about putting the Chapter Meet in the Driveline magazine. The date for the Chapter Meet is October 14, 2023 at Kelsey Chevrolet. We have one car now and some other members are considering. Joe continued with the tech session date to be held June 17, 2023, on a Saturday. This will address finishes on parts, how best to go about it, and what they should look and feel like. It will be held at Chris Rockenfield's house in Kenwood, OH, on beautiful Orchard Lane with Tom Smith and Chris hosting the session. Come and learn something about judging, it is free!

Chris Rockenfield, Co-chair, thanked Tom James for having us over to his place for this meeting and for everything he has done for this club this past year.

Tom James then thanked everyone for coming to his garage and seeing his little collection of stuff, or as he calls it, his toy house. He showed us his 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS6 car that was disassembled and up on a lift. He is hoping to put it together in the next year and taking to the MCCAN show in Chicago next year. He enjoys putting these old cars back together. He said he takes his time. He went over a couple of Corvettes he had out, and then went on to explain about his 69 Super Bee that an older couple restored back in the 80's. He then explained the history of a few more Corvettes he has.

Split the pot was drawn. The meeting was adjourned.

QCNCRS April Meeting Photos



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QCNCRS April Meeting Photos





St. Susanna Knights of Columbus 7th Annual Classic Car, Rod, Truck, and Muscle Car Show



**Saturday June 3rd at 8:30
AM- 2:00PM**

**St. Susanna Meyer Center parking lot behind St. Susanna
Elementary School**

500 Reading Road, Mason, OH 45040

Registration until 12:00PM: \$15.00. Spectators: Free

Event is Rain or Shine

- Trophies awarded to the Top 30, Best in Show, Top Car club in attendance.
 - Show ‘n Shine plaque
 - DJ Music by Run of the Mill Streetrodders Club
- Concessions available with covered seating plus in-door bathrooms
 - Over \$1000 in raffle/door prizes and Split the Pot
 - Dash Plaques to the first 200
- **100% of the net proceeds go to the St. Joseph’s Home of Cincinnati**
- For more information call George Denman at 513-939-9022



St. Susanna Knights of Columbus is not responsible for any accidents or losses.

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



QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2023 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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. True*. 2. True. 3. True. 4. 1975. 5. False 6. True.

* until supplies of drum brakes ran out