



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

October is here with the perfect weather to cruise to a car show. Next weekend the last big show of the 2023 season will be held on Sunday, October 8th on the grounds of the Spring Grove Cemetery. This show is a little different from others in that it starts at 1:00 PM and runs until 4:00 PM. Registration opens for vehicles at 12:00 noon. If the weather is predicted to be good, there are usually 400 to 500 cars in attendance. I hope to see some Club members there; it is always a great way to end the car show season.

Next up for our Club is the Chapter Judging Meet held at Kelsey Chevrolet on Saturday, October 14th. We have had a great response from our members who have stepped up for registration to judge. We have three (3) cars to judge, and others have registered to display their Corvettes. We have a 1953, 1954, and a 1967, so if you just want to see how the judging process works, stop by around 9:00 AM and watch the judges do a fantastic job, working their magic on these great examples. Judging should be finished around 12:00 noon with the awards to be distributed after lunch. Our own John Ballard will give a short talk on the judging process after the awards. John always has a lot to share about how to prep and go about the judging process. If

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October Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Cincinnati Gasket & Industrial Glass
40 Illinois Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215
Phone: 513-761-3458

Website: cgindustrialglass.com

We will begin collecting for Toys-For-Tots at this meeting. Please bring unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 1 and 18 years to be donated for this worthy cause.

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

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.

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you still would like to register to be involved in the event, contact John at johncballard40@gmail.com. The judging will begin at 8:00 AM sharp and lasts about three (3) to four (4) hours.

Our annual picnic was held at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio on Sunday, September 17th. Once again, we had a great turnout of members and their cars. The weather the last few years has been perfect. I would like to thank all of the wives for making this one of our standout events of the year. Without their help this event would not be the success it is. Thank you, ladies, on a job well done!

Opie Willis, owner of the Horsepower Farm, has again asked for our help in donating toys to fill up boxes for the Christmas event "Toys-For-Tots". We will have the boxes at our judging meet, our October monthly meeting and again at our November monthly meeting. We ask members to bring an unwrapped toy for children between the ages of 1 through 18 years. This program has been around for a long time and is a real benefit to the families of underprivileged children in the tri-state area. Last year, I believe we filled three (3) boxes with toys with Opie and his crew doing a bang-up job with many more than that. Let's try to fill four (4) or five (5) boxes this year and surpass last year's total.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Cincinnati Gasket & Industrial Glass, 40 Illinois Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. Please remember to drive those Corvettes!

Enough from me. I will see you at the Judging Meet.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

The Ten Most Expensive Options in Corvette History
...corvetteforum.com

10. The Carbon 65 Edition package was offered on the 2018 Grand Sport 3LT and Z06 3LZ models. It would set you back \$15,000. So, if you ordered the package on the Grand Sport that option would represent nearly 20 percent of base MSRP. Only 650 Carbon 65 Edition cars were built. They all included Ceramic Matrix Gray paint, several visible carbon fiber elements, and several other unique touches. It was a good-looking car, but it didn't come cheaply.
9. Ordering the most powerful engine in the Corvette lineup for just \$947.90 would seem like a no brainer. But in 1967 that would represent 21.6 percent of the base price of the car. That is one of the reasons why only 20 1967 Corvettes with this engine were ever built. Of course, if you have one of these cars today it is worth upwards of \$2 million so that \$947.90 investment really paid off.
8. In 1957 GM offered RPO 579E. This was the 283ci V8 engine with a cold air intake. The Corvettes with this option are known as "airbox" cars. Only 43 Corvettes were equipped with this rare option. A \$726.30 air intake represented a whopping 22.9 percent of the base price of the Corvette in 1957. That would be the equivalent of GM charging \$15,000 for an air intake on the C8 Stingray. That would not be an easy pill to swallow.
7. There were some expensive options for the 1957 model year. Selecting RPO 684 would get you the heavy-duty racing suspension. It included a thicker

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TERRIE'S CORVETTE TRIVIA Ans. on Last Page

1. What year was the RPO579E road racing special option offered? 1957, 1963 or 1969.
2. What year did Corvette and Vega use the same steering wheel? 1966, 1969 or 1976.
3. What year did Corvette change to the true "fastback" style? 1968, 1978 or 1980.
4. The first HEI ignition system was introduced in 1970, 1975 or 1980.
5. What was the first year for a sports coupe? 1957, 1963 or 1965.
6. Callaway twin-turbo conversions ended with the 1991 model year. True or False.



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7. anti roll bar and heavy-duty springs. It also came with larger shock absorbers, and a tighter steering ratio. Even metal brake linings with finned ventilated drums were included. So, it was a comprehensive package. But it added nearly 25 percent to the price of a base 1957 Corvette.
6. In 2016 GM offered the Z06 C7.R Edition under RPO code ZCR. Only 500 examples were built, and they all included the Z07 Package with carbon ceramic brakes. The package was available on a Z06 coupe or convertible with the 3LZ trim. A 3LZ coupe had a base MSRP of \$88,345 which is an expensive car, so adding over 26 percent to the cost in a single option isn't easy. However, the ZCR option was a staggering \$23,055. You did end up with a car that looked like a C7.R race car, but you paid handsomely for it.
5. In 1971 GM offered the ZR2 option that combined the 454ci big block V8 with Muncie M22 "Rock Crusher" 4-speed manual transmission, and other details that made this the performance Corvette to buy. Unfortunately, the option cost \$1,747 which represented 31.8 percent of the base MSRP. As such, only 12 Corvettes with this option were built. And of the 12, only 2 were convertibles like this one that recently [sold at Mecum Auctions](#).
4. The 1963 Corvette with the Z06 package is a legendary car. Today the Z06 is its own model, but in 1963 it was not. It was ordered by selecting the RPO code Z06. 199 people made that selection even though it at \$1,818.45 it tacked on 45 percent to the price of the car. Those lucky individuals essentially had themselves a factory-built race car. And considering a C8 Z06 GT3.R would cost you \$735,000 which is nearly 7 times the cost of a base Z06 the Z06 option in 1963 looks like a downright bargain.
3. The options that land on the podium for the most expensive ever offered have some truly staggering prices when measured against the MSRP of the base car. In 1991 the Corvette ZR1 was not a separate model per se. There was an RPO code for it and that code was naturally ZR1. Selecting that option would nearly double the price of your Corvette. But for that price you got a 375 horsepower Corvette that could hit 60 mph in less than 5 seconds and top out at 171 mph. Numbers that were on par with the nearly twice

Fun Facts Tom James (continued)

- as expensive Porsche 911 Turbo of the day. This [example sold on Bring a Trailer](#) a couple of years ago, but prices have been climbing since.
2. The ZL1 option alone in 1969 cost nearly as much as a base Corvette. And because of the outrageous price, only two Corvettes with this option were ever built. But the option could justify its outrageous price thanks to the incredible all-aluminum 427ci engine. The engine was officially rated at 430 horsepower but that was a joke. This was a race engine that in reality made closer to 600 horsepower. The ZL1 Corvette is one of the most valuable models in the Corvette world. This [example sold at RM Sotheby's](#) recently for over \$3.1 million.
1. The most expensive Corvette option ever was the famous RPO B2K in 1991. Ordering this code got you the iconic Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette. It is the only option in Corvette history to cost more than the car itself. But this option got you an entirely different car. The aerodynamic bodywork made the Callaway look like no other Corvette. And thanks to over 400 horsepower and 575 pound-feet of torque it performed like no other Corvette. It was a staggering option with a staggering price.

September QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Chris Rockenfield

Location: Horsepower Farm

Tom James led off the meeting and greeted everyone to the 2023 NCRS picnic. The day and venue (Horsepower Farm) was beautiful, and the attendance was fantastic.

Tom began with our membership, stating that we as a group have been hovering around 100 members throughout the year.

Tom did comment about the attendance at Carlisle Corvettes this year... While the swap meet is shrinking, the car show is increasing.

Also, Tom reminded us that the judging meet at Kelsey Chevy is coming up Saturday, October 14th ... we are needing help for judging so register online. We were not exactly sure how many cars were going to be there.

Barb Hilbert was called upon to read the financial report. The financial report was accepted by all.

The meeting wasn't long ... split the pot was called... And Opie was the big winner! Once again, we thanked our wonderful host and the meeting was adjourned.

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Technical article fixing tabs in C1 Windshields

This is a technical article about fixing broken tab on C1 windshield written by Bruce Burstin. This is not a job that could be done by most of us so we send these out to be machined by Corvette Central. Putting the windshield together is a very tedious task and there are articles on the NCRS discussion site that fully explain the way to go to get the job done in the correct way. Go to the NCRS discussion site and look up 1956 – 1962 Windshield frame disassembly and assembly procedure. This was posted by Richard Mozzetta August 25, 2021, and is a very helpful and informant article.



Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *October 14th— Chapter Judging & membership meet at Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, Indiana.*
- *October 17th - Queen City NCRS Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Cincinnati Gasket & Industrial Glass, 40 Illinois Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215.*
- *December 3rd – Chapter Christmas Party*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *October 19-21, 2023 - NCRS Lone Star Regional, Frisco, TX*
- *October 28, 2023 – Miami Valley Chapter Mini Meet*
- *January 18 - 20, 2024 - Florida 45th Winter Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *March 14-18, 2024 - NCRS National Judging Retreat, Texas*
- *August 4 - 8, 2024 - NCRS National Convention, Hampton, VA*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS: (Stuff for Car Guy's and Gal's)

- *October 7, 2023 - 33rd Annual Frisch's Halloween Cruise-In, 4-8 PM, 11122 Hamilton Avenue, Mt. Healthy, Ohio*
- *October 7, 2023 - Rockin' Rick's Classic Cruise-In, Hamilton West Side, 5-9 PM, 1454 Main Street, Hamilton, Ohio*
- *October 7, 2023 - 12th Miami Historical Society Show, Registration 8-12 PM, St. Route 128 & Mill Street, Miamitown, Ohio*
- *October 8, 2023 - Spring Grove Cemetery 16th Cruise-In, Spring Grove Funeral Home, Registration 12:00 noon, Show 12:00-4:00 PM, 4389 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.*
- *October 14, 2023 - Sleepy Hollow Car Show & Cruise-In, Registration 10:00 AM, Paul Ogle Riverfront Park, 100 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana. (Rain date 10/21/2023).*
- *November 4, 2023 - Toys-For-Tots, 8:00 AM-12:00 noon, Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive.*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*

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. 1957. 2. 1976. 3. 1978. 4. 1975. 5. 1963. 6. True.