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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

With the writing of this newsletter, we are just a couple of weeks away from our biggest event of the year, our annual swap meet. We have sold over half of our swap spaces with the final push coming in the next few weeks. Should our members or friends need space, please contact me at 513-377-8182 to ensure a 10 x 10 spot to clean out that garage of unwanted and unneeded parts. Last year one of our members sold almost \$4,000.00 of parts that were just taking up space in his shop, so gather those parts and come vend with us.

The sale of raffle tickets for the Shriners Hospital for Children is in full swing. Many of you have stepped up to the plate and either bought tickets or sold them. As of our Chapter meeting last week held at Trim Parts, we had a total of nearly \$2,000 of our goal of \$6,000 in ticket sales. If you have tickets that are sold and need to get them counted, please get them to Terrie James or Barb Hilbert so we can get a feel of how far we have to go to reach our goal.

Our meeting at RPUI, "aka" Trim Parts, was hosted by their COO, Kyle Pffirman. The organization now consists of three companies which broke off from the original group of five. Restoration Parts Unlimited

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March Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Keen Corvette Parts
6048 State Route 128
Cleves, Ohio 45002

Phone: 513-353-3449

Website: <https://keenparts.com>

Come see what new parts Tom Keen is working on, from C1 to C7 Corvettes.

Please remember to bring a chair and 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.

Chairman's message – continued

(interiors), Right Stuff, and Trim Parts were bought as a group to be operated by Kyle and two other investors. RPI interiors was sold off to the Original Parts Group so they could concentrate on Right Stuff and Trim Parts. During a tour of the facility at the end of our monthly meeting we saw thousands of brake/fuel lines for hundreds of all types of vehicles which are ready to ship. So, if your ride needs fuel or brake line replacement, give Right Stuff a try. I am sure you will be satisfied with the quality they can provide.

Our next monthly meeting will be held at Keen Corvette Parts in Miamitown, 6048 State Route 128, Cleves, Ohio 45002. This is always a great night out to join your Corvette comrades and learn about what new items Tom has been making to keep our cars up and running. Last time we joined Tom he had finished a project to reproduce the rally wheel trim ring. The example that was displayed was right-on original down to the spring clips. I am sure at this gathering we will be one of the first to see a new offering from Keen Parts, so make sure you attend this meeting. During the meeting we will go over how our swap meet went.

A reminder to continue sending pictures and a brief description of your Corvettes to George Denman, our Webmaster, at georgedenmanc3@gmail.com for posting on our website.

The Chapter welcomes Bill Walters of Louisville, Kentucky as a new member to our group. We hope to see you at a future meeting or event.

Lastly, if you have not paid your 2024 Chapter Dues, please do so by March 10th. As of this date, we have 10 members who still owe. If we lose these 10 members, we will have lost 10% of our membership in one year. If you know of anyone who is considering joining our Chapter, please bring them to a monthly meeting so they can see what we are all about.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

There was no such thing as a 1968 Sting Ray. Seeking a thorough departure from the previous generation, in 1968 Chevrolet completely abandoned the Sting Ray nomenclature for its sleek, new shark-inspired offering. Look at any 1968 model and you will only find Corvette letters and crossed-flag body emblems. At the time, the Sting Ray brand had only five model years in the public eye. Had it taken root yet? Certain decision makers at General Motors clearly did not think so, and the name was dropped. In 1969, however, the course reversed, and the Stingray name returned with no public explanation for its one-year absence. For this second go-round, Chevrolet expressed the name as one word (Stingray instead of Sting Ray) and employed script lettering instead of a block font.

Planning for the 1968 Corvette began just as the first 1963 Sting Rays were rolling off the St. Louis assembly line in August of 1962. Although the earlier Vettes used simple 1950s British sports cars as benchmarks, far more advanced Italian and German offerings such as the Lamborghini Miura, Ferrari Dino, and Porsche 911 became the bogey for the 1968 designers. That meant serious consideration of rear and mid-engine platforms. As late as 1966, a mid-engine successor to the 1967 Sting Ray was still a 50/50 possibility. To help determine the best route forward, General Motors launched several in-house competitions that resulted in an assortment of entirely different rear and mid-engine prototypes.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Business Card – 2x3.5

\$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. The 1973 Corvette coupe was the first since 1967 to have a rear window which could not be removed. True or False.
2. What was the first year for AM/FM cassette systems? 1971, 1977 or 1979.
3. What year did front air dams and rear spoilers become standard equipment? 1979, 1980 or 1981.
4. Steel beams for greater side pact protection were introduced in 1970, 1973 or 1977 models.
5. What was the first year that whitewall tires became optional? 1953, 1955 or 1956.
6. Cast aluminum wheels were available in 1971. True or False.



February QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Tom Smith

Trim Parts RPUI

Tom James, Chairman, started out the meeting by welcoming everyone, and having us eat. He then introduced Kyle from Trim who will join the meeting later and provide a tour. RPUI is no longer part of a 5-group company; Trim Parts sold off the carpet and interior division. Right Stuff moved the brake line division down from Columbus, Ohio. The brake line division has 34,000 brake line configurations in 300 bins.

Everyone knows about the swap meet coming up in March at Kelsey Chevrolet. FYI, it is on St. Patrick's Day, and Tom did answer some questions about that. We have sold 25 swap spaces so far and should have the remainder sold by the first week in March. Please remember to sell raffle tickets for the benefit of the Shriners Hospital for children. Ask your friends and neighbors to buy them. Remember those girl scout cookies and tickets you bought for school activities? Also, there will be no swap meet meeting this year. If you are able to volunteer sign up with Terrie. Since we will have a front and back door to man this year we will need extra volunteers.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, informed us that 10 people have not paid their Chapter dues this year; we are losing 10% of our membership. We are down to 88 members, and the national membership has dropped again.

Tom James took the floor again and informed us of the National board members meeting in Florida that took place in January. Two board members were chosen to head the committee for membership. Mike Ingram is running for president again and we have not heard from our regional representative since he took office.

John Wagoneer is looking for someone to run the NCRS website, so if you are interested, please volunteer. John is 78 years young this year.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, went over the financial statements for the month and motion was passed and accepted.

February QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Tom Smith (continued...)

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, stated that we have one (1) new member joining this month and he is from Louisville, KY. She has also sent out a message to the Shriner's as a reminder of the upcoming swap meet. We need to sell spaces and tickets for the event. Set up will be Saturday, March 16th, from 2-4PM, and Kelsey's is on board with everything. They have a new parts manger.

Joe Eyl, Historian, needs some help with the Chapter Meet in October. We are looking to find a judging chairperson for our Chapter meets. It is not a big job, but it is important. John Wagoneer stated that the Judging Chairperson will settle disputes; all the information about the position is online. We are currently set to have the Chapter Judging Meet October 12, 2024.

Do not forget to support our members like George who is putting on a car show the first week in June that sponsors the St. Joseph home in Sharonville. He is looking for sponsors to donate and asked if we would consider. The membership will make a decision on it next month.

Kyle from Trim Parts was introduced and informed us that he is now the COO, and also the custodian. He explained what they do and informed us they sold two of the divisions off from the five (5) they had. They moved the brake line division from Columbus, Ohio here to Lebanon, Ohio. Kyle then gave a tour of the facility, after split the pot was drawn.

The meeting was adjourned.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.qc.ncrs.org/>

QCNCRS February Meeting Photos



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NCRS CONVENTION AUGUST 4 - 9 HAMPTON VA



As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration the NCRS will be honoring numerous NCRS American Heritage Award winners that will be on display. Adding to the celebration will be a unique display of special-interest Corvettes.

NCRS will be honoring the founding members from 1974 and the early history of the NCRS along with a display of the year of 1974 Corvettes. A very special opening reception will be a 1970s theme party. Get out your bellbottoms, flowered shirts, and '70s clothes. There will be three prizes for the best 1970s attire.

Registration is open on the website so don't miss out on this milestone anniversary and celebration. Check *The Driveline* for all the information about the event. The host hotel is full, but these nearby hotels have been added:

- Holiday Inn Express Coliseum Central 757 848-8484 CODE - NCR
- Hyatt Place Hampton Convention Center 757 488-8400 CODE - NCRS
- Courtyard by Marriott Hampton Coliseum Center 757 838-3300 CODE - NCRS

For a map, go to <https://www.forums.ncrs.org/showthread.php?133691-2024-NCRS-Convention-Additional-Hotels-Information>

QCNCRS February Meeting Photos



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Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *March 17, 2024 - Queen City NCRS Indoor Swap Meet and Car Show, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, Indiana 47025*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *March 14-18, 2024 - NCRS National Judging Retreat, Texas*
- *April 11-14, 2024 – Southern California Regional, Las Vegas, NV*
- *May 2-4, 2024 - Heartland Regional, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- *May 31-June 1, 2024 - New England Regional, Marlborough, MA*
- *August 4 - 8, 2024 - NCRS National Convention, Hampton Roads, VA*
- *October 17-19, 2024 – Lone Star Regional, Frisco, TX*
- *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)

- *March 15-16, 2024 - Corvette Expo, LeConte Center, 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Car Show, Swap Meet & Corvette Cruise.*
- *April 8 – Solar eclipse across the US.*
- *April 17-21, 2024 - Spring Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*
- *April 18-20, 2024 - Pigeon Forge Spring Rod Run, LeConte Center, 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.*
- *April 25, 2024 - 3rd Annual “Hail To Horsepower” Car Show, Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Ohio. All Make/Model Cars & Trucks Welcome.*
- *August 21-23, 2024 - Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*



INDOOR SWAP MEET AND CAR EXPO



WHEN:

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Kelsey Chevrolet

1105 E. Eads Parkway

Greendale (Lawrenceburg), IN 47025



GATE ADMISSION: \$5.00

**Proudly donating
over \$80,000 from
this event to:**



**HOSTED BY:
Queen City Chapter Of
The National Corvette
Restorers Society**

**WHAT TO KNOW:
Swap spaces sold
out the last 13 years!
Many classic GM
parts.
Food, split-the-pot,
major award; all on-
site at this event.**

**COME VEND WITH US:
\$25.00 for 100 sq/ft
space but you must
register in advance.**

**HOW TO REGISTER:
Registration form on the
reverse side.**

**Call Tom James at
513-377-8182 for more
information.**

**E-mail completed forms:
tmjames@fuse.net**

Vending Space(s) [100 sq ft.] _____ (quantity) X \$25.00 = \$ _____
Indoor Car Corral: _____ (number of cars for sale) X \$50.00 = \$ _____
Outdoor Car Corral: _____ (number of cars for sale) X \$25.00 = \$ _____

NAME: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Contact Tom James with the Queen City NCRS with any questions at 513-377-8182 or e-mail twj@fuse.net.

Completed registrations should be mailed to 7329 Southpointe Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233. Checks should be made payable to "QCNCRS".

Registration confirmations will be sent to the above e-mail address with further event details.

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 2024 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. 1979. 3. 1980. 4. 1973. 5. 1955. 6. False.