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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Hello All! Here we are in the last month of summer with a busy fall ahead for the Club.

On August 16th we had a mini judging meet at Steve Henson's garage to go over Keith Eve's 1963 split window. The gathering was well attended, and Keith learned a lot about his car along with the 15 or so members who attended. Tom Smith and Skip Polowy had a very organized presentation of how the judging meet in the fall will be handled. There was a good amount of dialogue for the beginning judge to see just how the process works and be included in the final decision for the scoring of the car. Many details of how the car was assembled and how the components work were discussed along with some restoration tips to help members when the time comes to do some restoration on their cars.

In September we have the annual Club picnic at Opie Willis' Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio, at which time we will hold our monthly meeting. As per tradition, the Club will provide the meat with members bringing a side dish to share. This year we will have a grill out with Master Chefs Keith Eve, Chris Clemmons, and Kenn Bragg cooking up the meat to perfection. Mark your

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September Meeting Information

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Time: Noon

Location: Horsepower Farm
2227 Trinity Drive
Middletown, Ohio 45044

Phone: 812-777-5357

This will be our annual Chapter Picnic. All members and their spouse/guest are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. Each member attending is asked to bring a covered dish to share. The meat and drinks will be supplied by the Club.

So, fuel up your Corvette, pack your chairs and covered dish, and drive your Corvette to this fun-filled day with Queen City Chapter members.

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

calendar for Sunday, September 21st for this great event.

Corvettes At Carlisle just concluded on Saturday, August 24th. We had a good group of members make the journey to central Pennsylvania. Eight (8) members attended along with their spouse/guest; each enjoyed a weekend of over 4,000 Corvettes. Yes friends, 4,000 Corvettes all gathered for a celebration of the Corvette. Some members had their cars judged in the NCCCA area while others had components installed to enhance their ride. Either way, I think all had a good time. Carlisle has a little bit for everyone. I myself sold a few leftover parts from previous restorations to make room for the next one. If you have not attended this event in previous years, you might consider joining in the fun August 26-29, 2026.

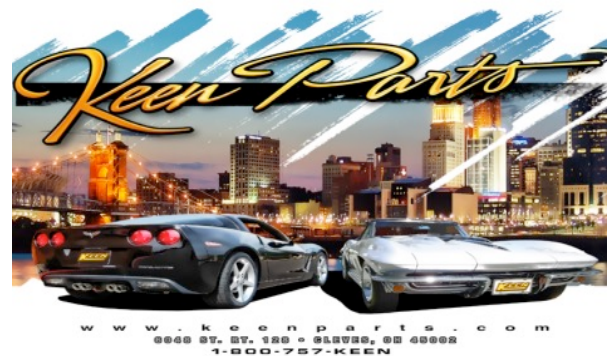
At our last meeting we discussed and voted for our Club to take a new direction for the fundraising and charity side. We are no longer going to have a swap meet. The swap has dwindled down and no longer is a worthwhile event to fund the Club's budget for the year. Instead, we are going to have a bourbon raffle and still sell chances for a cash drawing for the Shriner's Hospital. These two activities will be at different times of the year. The bourbon raffle will be done from September 21st, the date of our picnic, until the Christmas party in early December at which time the drawing will occur. Then beginning in January, the raffle tickets will start to be sold for a drawing in April at the monthly meeting. If these two (2) are successful, we can look at donating more from the bourbon raffle to the Shriner's Hospital or sponsoring a large Club activity. More on the details to come at the picnic.

This month we welcome our newest member to the Club, Jerry Brummett. Welcome Jerry. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting.

Lastly, our Judging Meet at Kelsey Chevrolet is coming up on Saturday, October 11th. We have four (4) cars scheduled with only eight (8) people signed up to judge. We need at least four (4) more people to help out with the judging, so if you can help out contact Skip Polowy at skip67c2@gmail.com. Please consider helping the Club with this event.

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Enough of my rambling. Hope to see you at the Chapter picnic on September 21st at the Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Ohio 45044 at 12:00 noon.

Save The Wave!

Tom



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TERRIE’S CORVETTE TRIVIA Ans. on Last Page

1. What was the first year for a day/night mirror?
1961, 1963 or 1965.
2. The 1970 and 1971 Corvettes were very similar in design. True or False.
3. A part of the design concept for the 1984 was the “clamshell” hood which includes the tops of the fenders. True or False.
4. Where did exhaust exit on 1961 Corvettes? Through the body, under the body, or in the front of the rear tires?
5. The 1980 Corvette was assembled in St. Louis or Bowling Green.
6. Seventy series tires were standard in 1979. True or False.



Fun Facts Tom James

Rumors of the V-6 Corvettes first flew in the dark, post-OPEC days of the late 1970s. Then, surging fuel prices spooked many carmakers into declaring the V-8 a dinosaur. Luckily sanity and technology prevailed, and the Corvette retained V-8 power throughout. But when Ford installed a twin-turbo Eco-boost V-6 in its revived \$500,000 GT supercar in 2017, controversy ensued. Shouldn't a V-8 power an American performance icon? In similar fashion, the C8 rumor mill predicted everything from a similar wheezed 6-popper to a more appropriate V12, *a la* Ferrari. The rumors continued to swirl.

As part of a large multinational corporation, GM's many internal departments sometimes inadvertently leaked sensitive data on future product. In a 2016 product planning document with the seemingly neutral title "Passenger Car Engines for GMNA, (GMNA probably meant General Motors, North American market), a simple chain of letters and numbers on the ninth line read, "LT5 Y engine gas, 8 cyl, 6.21L, SIDI, DOHC, VVT, alum, GM. Gibberish to untrained eyes, the telling aspect was the DOHC designation. Internet Corvette sleuths quickly dubbed the intriguing document the "Line 9 Leak".

Deciphering the "Line 9 Leak", Corvette fans latched on to the following bits: "LT5" was the engine code used for the 1990-1995 ZR1 engine, "Y" was the Corvette vehicle code, "gas, 8 cyl" spoke for itself, "SIDI" described the direct-injection fuel delivery method, "DOHC" indicated dual overhead camshafts, "VVT" was the abbreviation for variable valve timing, and "alum" signaled aluminum block and head construction.

All elements presented in the "Line 9 Leak" were in keeping with the Gen-V LT1 and LT4 Corvette engine recipe except for the DOHC designation. The only previous DOHC Corvette mill was the 1990-1995 ZR1's 5.7. The resulting engine was significantly wider than the base L98/LT1 pushrod powerplants. However, aboard a mid-engine platform such as the predicted C8, a wider DOHC V-8 could be positioned far away from the constraints imposed by suspension and wheel mounting points. Crystal-ball gazers added it all up and predictions of a revived ZR1, perhaps to be named the Zora, spread like wildfire on the Internet.

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg

August 19th, 2025

Kelsey Chevrolet

Tom James (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Tom thanked Kelsey Chevrolet, for hosting the event and for being our sponsor.

First order of business was the idea of doing a bourbon raffle to fund the club events and to donate to the Shinner's children's hospital. Tom turned it over to George Denman to explain what he found out, after researching the possibility. George explained that the club could make about \$8500 if we sold 200 tickets at \$50 each after expense. The last several years the annual swap meet has greatly declined in attendance and revenue. We also could have the raffle for the Shinner's. We will need everyone to really push Shinner's ticket sales. Many members contributed to the conversation before a vote was taken and passed by the members to do both raffles.

The second thing on the agenda, Tom discussed getting sponsors for our monthly newsletter, to generate advertising to cover the cost of the newsletter. Many other clubs do this with great success.

Tom informed the membership that Hirshlinger Chevrolet has been sold to Cronin.

Next on the agenda, Tom reminded the membership that the annual club picnic was on September 21st at Horsepower Park in Middletown. Meat will be provided by the club. Members should bring a side dish or dessert to share. Picnic starts at noon and ends around 3:00. Lunch starts around 1:00. Drive your corvette to the event.

Tom next asked if anyone had any new ideas for venues for future meetings. No one had any suggestions at this time.

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg (continued...)

Tom asked about members attending Carlile this weekend. About eight members stated they were going. Tom invited them to his booth's B-8 to B-11 if they need a cold drink and a place to sit for a while and cool off.

Terri James (Membership Chair) showed off the new name badges to the members. They were well received. Guests will be asked to fill one out at future meetings. This will help the secretary, who is terrible remembering names greatly.

Jamie Schworer (Treasurer) then gave a full line by line accounting for our monthly finances. A motion was made to except the report and seconded. It passed unanimously.

Skip Polowy (Judging Chair) then spoke about the October judging event. As of now we have 3 confirmed cars, and Keith Eve will also be placing his 1963 slit window for judging this week. We are expecting 8 cars. We currently have eight judges for October and would like 4 more.

Skip then talked about the judging training session held at Steve Henson's garage on the previous Saturday. 13 members attended the training session.

Skip closed with the Heart of Ohio chapter online technical training session. It will be in November, and all are welcome to sign in. The date will be announced soon.

Tom James asked if there was any new business. It was suggested we do a field trip to Indy to see the dealership with the museum. The idea will be explored.

Tom closed the meeting at 8:35.

QCNCRS August Meeting Photos



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**QCNCRS August Judging School
Photos**



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***QCNCRS Members attend Corvettes
at Carlisle***



TECHNICAL ARTICLE

2005-2013 Corvette Console Cup Holder Assembly Replacement

Corvettemagazine.com, May 12, 2023, by John Pfanstiehl

Submitted by: Terrie James

Bum Phillips said, "There's two kinds of coaches, them that's fired and them that's gonna be fired." Likewise, there are two kinds of C6 console cup holders: them that's broken and them that's gonna be broken. This cup holder needed replacement after 14 years in a garaged car. Fortunately, [Zip Corvette](#) offers a [2005-2013 Console Cup Holder Assembly w/Rotating Door](#). Replacement requires no special tools and is fairly easy. The most challenging part is figuring out how to release the different electrical connectors that plug into console switches. To make it easier, each of them is described and illustrated below. Armed with that knowledge, the cup holder assembly replacement should take less than an hour.



01: This shows the typical mode of failure. The rotating slide cover breaks down and comes apart.



02: Open the console door to remove the four T-15 screws. Removal of the door may not be necessary but it's easy to do and provides more room for the next steps.



03: Pull up on the rear of the tombstone-shaped cover to disengage its snap clips for removal.



04: The wire connector, if the cover has a switch, is now easy to see and disconnect.



05: Remove the two T-15 console screws. Note: on later model C6s, simply remove the two round caps for access to the screws underneath.



06: Gently pull up on the parking brake boot to disengage its snap clips. It is fastened in two places on both the inner and outer sides. Pull the boot up and turn it. The boot does not have to be removed from the handle. Remove the two 7mm screws that are now visible.



07: Pull the inner kick panel down at its rear and middle to disengage its lip that goes behind console.



08: Then pull the kick panel rearward to disengage the front two clips. A little finessing may be necessary by pushing the rear down a bit and pulling to disengage the upper, before pulling more to disengage the lower front clip.



09: The console simply lifts up over the automatic transmission shifter handle and boot. Manual transmissions require removal of the shifter knob. In that case, pull the leather cover down from the knob to access the one Torx screw on the bottom left side. If there is a chrome collar, turn it and push it down.



10: Carefully pull the console up and out. Start by lifting the rear, pull the sides back from the dash and then disengage the top. The shifter may need to be moved to neutral.



11: Unplug the cigarette lighter connector. A small flat blade screw driver can help to push in on the single tab on the connector.



12: Note: the cigarette lighters long cylindrical plastic piece is not removed; the smaller connector plugs into it.



13: Removal of the traction control connector is different. A tab on the switch housing needs to be pried out to remove the connector.



14: Disconnect seat heater switches. The single tab on the connector needs to be pushed in.



15: The cup holder assembly could be replaced in the car without disconnecting all the switches. However, at this point, it's pretty easy to disconnect the remaining ones and take the console out.



16: Press the tab on the lower side of the hazard lights switch connector to remove it.



17: Remove the four Phillips head screws and it's time to say goodbye to the ugly broken cup holder.



18: Install the new Zip Products console cup holder assembly. Check to make sure its door rotates smoothly before tightening the screws.



19: Plug all the connectors into their respective switches. They only go in one way making this step easy.



20: This view shows where the console clips are located. Two clips are on each side with another two near the top.



21: Press the console into the dash. Check to make sure all six clips are engaged. Reinstall the two screws at the rear of the console and their cover(s).



22: Install the kick panel making sure its lip goes behind the console. Reinstall its two screws.



23: Snap the parking brake boot back in place. This shows one of the two clips on the outer side.



24: If necessary, pull the boot up over the lip on the bottom of the handle. Reinstall the console door. The cup holder replacement is completed.



25: The new cup holder looks perfect and its rotating door functions as new. Now there's no eye sore in this interior.



26: Consider disconnecting the battery if the ignition is on for an extended period (the gearshift lever cannot be in park when removing or installing the console). Note: if the battery is disconnected, the windows may need to be indexed.

First Corvette ever built reportedly found, to be restored

VIN 001 had been thought destroyed, but 'Vette researcher Corey Petersen says he's tracked it down—and it's now in his garage



What may be the very first production Chevrolet Corvette, VIN 001, has recently been tracked down and had its pedigree verified by a marque expert—an expert who now owns the car and is preparing it for a full restoration. [Utah-based Corvette researcher Corey Petersen first announced he thought he'd found the car](#) – long presumed by the enthusiast community to have been destroyed during General Motors' prototype testing – early in 2023, explaining at the time that he sort of stumbled into purchasing the car while simply looking to document the history of the earliest examples of the model.

Petersen told *Hemmings* that he was specifically working with fellow Corvette researcher John Amgwert to try to piece together how the first three pre-production Corvette prototypes differed from production models, as well as to document whatever he could on the first dozen or so '53 Corvettes.

Some six of the first nine cars built were retained by Chevrolet engineering, he found out, with the company aiming to test those early cars to revise and improve the rest of the Corvettes that'd begun rolling off the line. The changes made to those cars took the form of work orders, which Petersen uncovered via GM's Heritage Center.

VIN 001, internally designated car 3950, was for the longest time thought to have been destroyed after an intensive bit of such scrutiny, but Petersen also found it was driven by a handful of top GM execs before "Chevrolet let a whole battalion of GM engineers pick it apart to look for various deficiencies that had made it through the rushed development and production process."

When Petersen combed through the work orders and the 22 changes to 3950 that the engineers suggested, he compared them to the bizarre tweaks he'd seen on another car in the shop of restorer Lloyd Miller, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, about 20 years ago; sure enough, they lined up, and so he booked another

viewing of the car and gave its East Coast-based owner a call to let him know the Corvette was not, as the owner half-suspected, VIN 002, but in fact the first Corvette built. While it wasn't his intention, eventually Petersen got to talking with the owner about buying the car and then did.

The expert says his plans are for a full restoration, possibly the last he'll ever undertake, to bring 3950 to its condition following the 22 engineering changes. Petersen's research also suggests the three pre-production prototype Corvettes built by Chevrolet were largely turned into show cars and then disassembled or crushed. In any case, they've yet to resurface, which would make VIN 001 the oldest surviving Corvette, too—one we can't wait to see brought back to its former glory.

Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *September 21, 2025 – Chapter Picnic – Horsepower Farm, Middletown, Ohio*
- *October 11, 2025 – Chapter Judging Event – Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, Indiana*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*
- *October 23-25, 2025 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

September 1, 2025

- Headin' For The Hill, 1940 W. Galbraith Road, Half Mile Of Exotic, Custom & Classic Cars, North College Hill, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

September 5, 2025

- 7th Annual Rumble In The Park, 2828 SR 222, Bethel, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12PM.
- 2nd Annual Cars N Win e Cincy Cool Cars/Hanover Winery Car Show, 2165 Morman Road, Hamilton, Ohio, 2:00-6:30 PM.
- Celebrating 44 Years Pioneer Days Car Show/Bud Lite, Downton Kalida, Lima Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:30 PM.

September 7, 2025

- Beaver creek Popcorn Festival Car Show, Shoup Park, 1341 Meadowbridge Drive, Beavercreek, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Car Show, Muscle Car Drags, Swap Meet, "Grandparents Day", Edgewater Sports Park, 4819 East Miami River Road, Cleves Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Wilson Sroufe VFW Post 9772 12th Annual Car & Bike Show, Mt. Orab Village Park, 211 S. High Street, Mt. Orab, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- Corn Festival Car Show, Clinton County Fairgrounds, Wilmington, Ohio.

September 11-13, 2025

- Fall Rod Run 2025, LeConte Center, 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

September 13, 2025

- 17th Village Green Car Show, 301 Wessel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio, 3:30 PM-10:00 PM
- 3rd Annual Fairfield Township Patriot Day Festival Car Show, Heroes Park, 6048 Morris Road, Hamilton, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM.
- Montgomery Car Show, 9999 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, Ohio, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM.

September 14, 2025

- Hilltoppers Car Club & Highgrain Brewery Car Show, 9176 Winton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.

September 20, 2025

- Lawrenceburg Fall Music Fest Car Show/River City Classics Car Club, Downtown Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Gailey Social Club Fred Bryant Memorial Car show, 8326 Browns way Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- 18th Annual Party At The Ranch Car Show, 3472 Lebanon Road, Lebanon, Ohio.

September 21, 2025

- Queen City NCRS Chapter Picnic, 2227 Trinity Drive Drive, Middletown, Ohio, 12:00 PM.
- Dillsboro Main Street Veterans Car Show, 9495 Front Street, Dillsboro, Indiana, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- Concours Devou, 790 Park Lane, Covington, Kentucky, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM..

September 27, 2025

- Ohio Valley Region Vintage Car Swap & Show, Boone County Fairgrounds, 5819 Idlewood Road, Burlington, Kentucky, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM.
- Car Show, Plates & 28's Event, Edgewater Sports Park, 4819 East Miami River Road, Cleves, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

September 28, 2025

- Downtown Throwdown, Downtown Main Street, Batavia, Ohio, Reg: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Cheviot Classic Car Show, Harvest Home Park, 3961 North Bend Road, Cheviot, Ohio, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 6th Annual James Miller Memorial Car Show, Caesar's Creek Flea Market, 7763 W. State Route 73, Wilmington, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

October 1-4, 2025

- Fall Carlisle - Carlisle, PA

November 20-23, 2015

- MCACN – Rosemont. IL

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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



QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2025 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00

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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. 1965. 2. True. 3. True. 4. Under the body. 5. St. Louis. 6. True.