



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Here we are, just a couple of weeks away from our annual picnic and judging event. Where did the summer go?

Just to start off I would like to thank Joe and Mary Carol Eyl for hosting a great August meeting and judging seminar. It was well attended and very informative with two (2) cars for viewing. It was a great time for all.

This month we have our Chapter picnic to be held at the Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Ohio 45044 on Sunday, September 17th at noon. This year we will not have a caravan to the picnic as we already held a road tour to our steak dinner at the SEI Shriners back on June 16th. Same request as last year; all members and their spouse/guest are invited to attend with each member being asked to bring a covered dish to share. The meat and drinks will be supplied by the Club. So, get your Corvette out and drive it to this fun annual event. I hope the weather cooperates like it has in previous years.

Last week I attended Corvettes at Carlisle. The weather was forecasted to be a washout on Thursday with a good chance for rain on Friday. Well, the weatherman was wrong once again. Thursday it rained early around 7:00 AM then nothing but some overcast skies. The crowd was there with about 4,500 cars in the club area; however, I think the forecast kept some of the vehicles from attending. The center of the swap meet had some holes

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August Meeting Information

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2023

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Horsepower Farm
2227 Trinity Drive
Middletown, Ohio 45044

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

So wipe down your Corvette, fuel it up and attend this fund annual event with your fellow Club members.

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.

Chairman's message – continued

but still there were enough parts to keep you looking for hours on end.

Friday and Saturday the weather was great with a visit from the NCRS President, Mark Tulley, to our tent. Mark stopped by to say hello and to discuss some issues we as a Chapter face with membership. He provided some insight into the marketing effort the NCRS is trying to enter into, such as Twitter and Facebook just to name a few of the sites they are planning on targeting. Mark stated that they are looking for a young group of volunteers to move the NCRS forward. I only hope these new recruits are as focused on the car hobby as much as the founders of our organization were in 1974.

In Carlisle I also saw a familiar face, Past President Steve Hack. Steve made the trek to the event with a couple of friends. It was good to catch up with Steven to see what he has been up to.

Next up is our judging event at Kelsey Chevrolet on October 14th in the body shop service drive area. Currently we have four (4) cars that are scheduled to be judged: a 1953, two (2) 1967's, and a C4 that is almost new. I recently uncovered a C4 which if I had the time to prep would be there also. With these cars attending our judging meet we need a group of judges to help certify the cars. If you can help in judging, please register by contacting John Ballard at johncballard40@gmail.com since our National ad was omitted from the last issue of the Driveline Magazine. We will also need tabulators for the Judging Event. Some of the folks who were our mainstay of volunteers are a little under the weather and may not be able to participate this year, so we need your help in order to make this a successful event.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our newest Chapter member to our Club, Chester Whipple from Nicholasville, Kentucky. Welcome to the Club Chester!

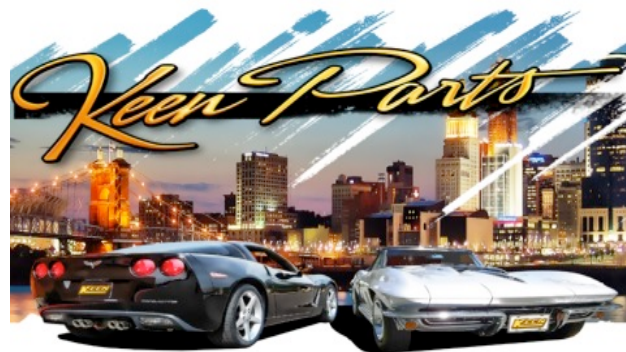
Well enough of my rambling. I hope to see everyone at the picnic and remember, drive those Vettes!

Save The Wave!

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

A Corvette for the masses? Before its arrival, the 1999 hard-top was envisioned as a bargain-basement, entry-level model priced several thousand dollars below the hatchback. Early plans called for a smaller 4.8 or 5.3 liter version of the LS1 to keep costs down, as well as performance, in keeping with the hardtop's subordinate role to the hatchback and roadster. The hardtop's interior and seats were also planned to be covered with cheaper, thinly padded vinyl and fabric. Instead, all these plans changed, and with its ultrastiff body shell the hardtop emerged as a hardcore performance platform. Priced a mere \$394 less than the hatchback (\$38,777 versus \$39,171), by 2001 the hardtop quickly evolved into the Z06-only road-racer special with a stiff \$47,500 base price, a full \$7,025 more than the base hatchback and \$500 more than the roadster.

When the Stingray III concept car was unveiled at the 1992 Detroit Auto show (giving viewers and unwitting preview of C5 body-style elements), many were puzzled about its wheels , or more precisely, GM's decision to secure them with only three lug nuts. Was it a slick play on the Stingray III theme or was somebody in GM's Thousand Oaks, California, Advanced Concept Center a closet Renault LeCar fanatic? Regardless, it was a shocking and questionable departure from the five lug nuts used since the Corvette's very beginning. Arkus-Duntov, in particular, took offense at the three-lug strategy. Soon after its Detroit showing, the Stingray III appeared at sales-leading Corvette dealership Malcolm Konner Chevrolet in New Jersey to spice up a Corvette club show and meet in 1992. Invited celebrity guest Arkus-Duntov was so displeased by the reduced lug nut cunt that he refused to pose for pictures with the car.

The Stingray III also struck a sour note with its V-6 engine.

Newsletter Advertising Rates

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\$25.00 / month or \$275.00 / year

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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. Where was the glove box located in 1954? In the doors, between the seats or on the dash.
2. PowerGlide transmissions were not available with L76 or L84 engines in 1964. True or False.
3. Rectangular exhaust ports were standard in 1972. True or False
4. The last year of the “egg crate” mesh grille with amber lights was 1970, 1972 or 1974?
5. What was the first year for FM radios? 1960, 1963 or 1966.
6. The new front design featuring wraparound parking-cornering-fog lamps came out in 1984, 1991 or 1996?



Fun Facts Tom James (continued)

Because of its cowl-forward configuration, there simply was not enough length for a V-8. That said, thanks to the Gen II LT1's distributorless ignition the Corvette R&D team eventually developed a solution to replace the V-6 with one. Thus, depending on when it was viewed, the Stingray III concept car was powered by either a V-6 or v-8. The Stingray III also used a prototype transaxle, a detail that appeared on the C5 half a decade later.

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Tom Smith

Location: Joe Eyl's Garage

Tom James, Chairman, opened the meeting by thanking Joe and MaryCarol for putting on a great judging session before our meeting and welcoming us into their home and garage. We appreciate every member who drove their Corvette. Thank you.

The National NCRS Judging Meet was held in French Lick, Indiana this year. They had 169 cars and one of the biggest crowds in the last ten years. "The cars were outstanding." There were three (3) beautiful 1970 LT1 cars there and they were a work of art per Tom. One of our own members, Ed and Vicky Bauscher, were there with their car. Unfortunately, it would not start for the Operations portion of judging so he lost 150 points right off the top. However, the car was so nice it still received a Top Flight award. Congratulations Ed and Vicky.

The lady on the cover of the Driveline Magazine was at French Lick as well. She was the original owner of that silver 70. She is from Delhi, Ohio, and it made for a nice story. Tom enjoyed the judging at the National and would encourage everyone to attend in the future if possible.

Jerry Hilbert picked up our Chapter Top Flight award for 2022 while attending the National Convention. Thank you, Jerry.

We are sending out condolences to Paul Oslansky as his wife recently passed away. Our prayers thoughts and prayers are with Paul and his family. Judy Waggoner is being released from the hospital, which is good news. As well, we received a thank you card for the condolences from the family of Dave Schwoeppe who passed away recently.

On a lighter note, Barry Dowdy brought in a windage tray, and it is curved at the ends. No one has seen anything like this as they are usually flat. Thanks, Barry, for bringing it in for viewing.

We still need to get our Chapter Meet posted on the website. We need a way to advertise the event since it did not make the Driveline Magazine.

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

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

John and George have been working on the website and it is much improved. Tom asked if the car of the month had been changed; John said not yet. We have plenty of members with multiple Corvettes, so let's put two on every month.

Skip Polowy, once of our newer members, stated the Chapter Judging meet is posted on the National NCRS website, but Tom reminded us that a lot of people looking for a Chapter Meet will go to the Driveline first.

A request came through Tom from Mark Tulley to put more events on our website. So, Tom asked if anyone knew of a good car show that should be listed. Please forward this information to John Waggoner or George Denman as well as Bill Hetzer and they will see that it is posted in our newsletter and on the website.

Steve Barrett informed us that a new diner in the heart of Lawrenceburg, Indiana recently opened up. The owner has a few vintage cars in the facility. He is happy to show people who are interested. The diner is built in the stainless-steel style of the 50's and 60's. The owner hopes to hold a cars and coffee at this location in the future, however the building was built primarily to host mostly meetings and events.

George met with Noel Grace, and he hired a friend of his as a body shop painter. They are looking for anyone that has any kind of body shop experience. The shop for painting is located north of Lebanon, Ohio.

Joe Eyl, Historian, asked for people to sign up for judging at our Chapter Meet in October. Please do so by visiting National NCRS website no later than September 15th. We will need flight and concours judges.

Tom James informed us that he will be at Corvettes at Carlisle, September 24-26 in spots B8-B11. Feel free to stop by for a cold drink and a place to rest.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, gave the financial report for the month and a motion was made and passed. We received another thank you note from the Shriners.

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

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

Terrie James, Membership Chair, informed us that we have two new members and lost one, so we now have 92 members.

The flyers are now in color, and we need to know how many we want to print. The cost of for printing these in color has increased from the previous ones printed in black and white by about \$75 per 500. It was agreed upon to print 500 and not 1000 because we throw some away every year. The registration form will be printed on the reverse side of the flyer.

The picnic for the Club will be held on Sunday, September 17th at Horse Power Park. It will start at 12 noon and lunch will be served at 1PM. Please bring a covered dish and the club will provide the meat and drinks.

Tom James asked if there was anything else, then split the pot was drawn and the meeting was adjourned.

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QCNCRS August Meeting Photos



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QCNCRS August Judging School Photos



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An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette

National Corvette Museum 70th Anniversary Presentation

If you have been to the National Corvette Museum in the past and do not believe it is worth going again, it is not the same. Their investment in audio, video, new displays, and people are well worth a second visit. If you have never been, thinking it is just an old car museum, it is worth the time to go – it will be time well spent and a memory that will last.

For the 70th anniversary of the Corvette, the National Corvette Museum has invested heavily in technology and new displays to provide a never before experienced exhibit. The event opened to the public on June 30th, the 70th anniversary of the first Corvette. The event was heavily attended by NCRS members such as Mark Tully and Mike Ingham with many of the new cars being sourced by Vito Cimilluca.

The exhibit is all new with upgraded technology including an eight and a half feet tall LED display that covers the outer perimeter of the Skydome where the cars are displayed and exceptional audio to provide the largest T V viewing presentation you will encounter short of a jumbotron at an NFL football game.



The presentation was designed by the National Corvette Museum team and takes you through the early creation of the Corvette but quickly brings back our memories of the 60s, 70 and 80s and America's love affair with the Corvette and notes that Barbie didn't drive a Mustang. It shows the Corvette featured in various shows, songs and movies like Route 66 which take many of us back to a time when we were younger and could not wait to buy a Corvette or the pride of owning one. It reminds us of our love affair – 70 years of the Corvette.

When you enter the Museum, you first encounter 1953 Corvette number 231 off the line which has a Duntov Award from 2022. For the purist, it does have lacquer paint.



But this '53 car is only the start of the experience. Of more interest is the 'Entombed 1954 Corvette' that is an all-original car with 2,000 miles on it. The owner's wife hated the looks so much that her husband entombed the car with a brick wall in one of the grocery stores he owned until it was recovered.



But don't stop there as the Museum has 53 special cars. Probably the most special is John Neas' (NCRS #171 of the Oklahoma Chapter) 1956 Corvette SR-2. Part of what is so special about the car is that Chevrolet designed it in-house and built it in-house, which shows how important this was to them. They took their best people from improving cars like the Belair with 1.5 million cars produced a year to work on this car. Ford, with say, their 1969 NASCAR 429 Mustang, sent things out-house to Kar Craft. Ford kept their top people working on design and build improvements to their bread-and-butter cars. Chevrolet put their best people, their in-house, on the project and with Shop Order 90179 by Bob Mclean, head of experimental styling, and designed it in-house and with engineering #6911 built it in-house.



In addition to the cars, each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: GM-Chevrolet, Racing and Enthusiast. The 2023 members-elect are:
GM – David Wichman
Racing – Dan Banks

Enthusiast – John Amgwert



Enthusiast – John Amgwert, Founding Member of National Corvette Restorers Society

In 1974, John Amgwert became member #3 and co-founder of the National Corvette Restorers Society. Amgwert's passion for Corvette translated into a 25-year stint as the editor-in-chief of *The Corvette Restorer* magazine – a go-to resource for Corvette history. Amgwert's efforts with the NCRS to form a technical library ultimately resulted in what would become the National Corvette Museum. Amgwert's passion for and commitment to seeking out the truth about key cars in Corvette history continues to this day.

These winners will be formally inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday, September 2, 2023. This will be extra special as Corey Peterson from the Utah Chapter is hoping to drive likely 1953 Corvette VIN 001 into the museum in an unrestored condition to view the construction of this early car. I hope Corey can 'Get'er Done' in time.

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit and every person we met was polite, knowledgeable, and helpful from the first person you met at admissions to staff in the halls who answer questions on then on to the retail shop. It was a mark of true southern hospitality. We even spotted the President and CEO, Sharon Brawner, who had time to stop and talk to just two attendees. We found out she was a true car gal from the start with her dad owning, restoring and maintaining '55-'57 Chevys.

We stopped at the Stingray Grill which is an incredibly upscale restaurant – no Steak and Shake. My wife had their 2nd favorite meal, the Stingray Burger, which features Wagyu beef, Bison, Elk, and Boar. I had their most popular meal, the Blackberry Grilled Cheese which is cheese, blackberry jam, bacon and jalapenos. It is not traditional, but it is incredible. The heat of the jalapenos is offset by the sweet of the blackberry jam. You are not going to find this high of quality food and upscale menu at any chain restaurant.

The trip was well worth the time and a memory was created that will last a lifetime.

Bill Mulder St. Louis Chapter Member.

!! Upcoming Events!!

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *September 15th— Chapter Judging & membership meet at Kelsey Chevrolet*
- *September 17th – Chapter Picnic at Horsepower Farm*
- *December 3rd – Chapter Christmas Party*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *September 14-16, 2023 - NCRS Regional, Ontario, Canada*
- *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*
- *August 4 - 8, 2024 - NCRS National Convention, Hampton, VA*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*
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CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS: (Stuff for Car Guy's and Gal's)

- *September 28-30, 2023 – Fall Carlisle – Carlisle, PA*
- *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. In the doors. 2. True. 3. True. 4. 1972. 5. 1963. 6. 1991.