



# ***The Side Draft***

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## ***Chairman's Message..... Tom James***

Well May has arrived and with it comes great weather to drive a Corvette or classic car to a cruise-in or Cars and Coffee.

Last month's meeting was at my garage in Cleves. We had a good turnout to enjoy a great dinner and conversation about our favorite topic, "cars". I was glad to give the history on my own collection of where the cars came from and what my plans are for the future restoration of some of them.

My 1970 Chevelle is now finished and ready for the judging process. This fall I have entered it into the muscle car show in Chicago for Concours Judging. This show, called MCACN, is a show of 500 of the most original muscle cars in the country. Every make is represented with examples from all eras. I hope to win a Concours Spinner Award. People say the NCRS has the most comprehensive judging system out there so I will see how I do, and I will keep everyone informed as to how it goes.

Next on the agenda is the final totals for our swap meet. This year, with a lower attendance, low ticket sales, etc., we still have a balance of \$2,000.00 plus a \$500.00 dollar match from the National to donate to the

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## ***May Meeting Information***

**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Tom Cat Classics & Street Rods  
101 Stubbs Mill Road  
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

**Website:** [tomcatclassics.com](http://tomcatclassics.com)

**Phone:** 513-827-0120

**Come and see all the rare and classics cars Lecia has on display; you might even want to purchase one and drive it home.**

**Please remember to bring a chair.**

## ***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***

Shriners Hospital for Children located in Dayton, Ohio. This will probably still keep us in the top spot for charitable contributions for an NCRS Chapter in the United States. However, this is about half of what we normally do so let's make an all out effort to improve upon this for 2025.

Elections for our Regional Representative are coming up this fall. If you are interested there is a form in the Driveline to complete with goals and biography information. Should you want to serve there has to be 10 fellow members endorse you also, so if interested contact me and I will help with the process.

Our Chapter Meet, to be held at Kelsey Chevrolet on Saturday, October 12, 2024, has had no luck in getting the word out in the Driveline. The first time it will be published will be in the summer with the second notice published just a few days before the event in the fall issue. We did not get a mention in the Coming Events section either, so once again this year we have to do our own promotion for cars and judges. If you have a car to be judged or want to judge at this event, contact Joe Eyl or Skip Polowy to give us a feel for the amount of interest we can expect.

In early June we are going to have a judging school at a location to be announced with Mike Hartman's 1967 Convertible 427/435. Mike has been working hard to get his car up to NCRS standards. I have seen the car in person, and it looks great, so keep a Saturday in June open to come and see his progress and maybe consider having your own car judged also. Details of this Judging School will be announced in a future email to members.

Enough from me. See you all at the next monthly meeting to be held at Tomcat Classics & Street Rods, 101 Stubbs Mill Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036 on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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## ***Fun Facts ..... Tom James***

With its semi-cab forward design and rear-mounted transaxle, the C5 was a major departure from previous models. Chevrolet engaged in much soul searching and market research to get it right. Unprecedented efforts were made to interview Corvette owners, members of the general public, and editors of numerous car magazines in the year before it finalized the C5 layout. The resulting mission statement defined the C5 as “the first car of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, not the last car of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.” Marketplace response made it clear that buyers were okay with what General Motors had in mind.

As with all previous Corvettes, the C5 was a popular choice for television and film producers seeking to add an air of exotic mystery and sex appeal. The 1998 music video for the Celine Dion/R. Kelly duet “I’m Your Angel” demonstrates the power of cross-promotion and product placement. The opening frames depict Kelly arriving at the soundstage in a new 1998 Z4Z Indy Pace Car Replica roadster (one of 1,163 built). After that, the vibrant purple and yellow machine is not seen again. Who chose it and why and how it was chosen isn’t important other than to indicate the Corvette’s perennial standing as a hot property across all forms of visual media.

## ***Newsletter Advertising Rates***

Business Card – 2x3.5

\$25.00 / month or \$275.00 / year

Quarter Page

\$40.00 / month or \$350.00 / year

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\$75.00 / month or \$600.00 / year

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\$150.00 / month or \$1,200.00 / 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. What year did the least number of changes occur in Corvettes? 1966-1967, 1970-1971, or 1974-1975.
2. What was the first year that a Corvette purchaser had a choice of engines? 1954, 1955 or 1956.
3. The 1975 Corvette hood was the first for the use of L-82 hood emblems. True or False.
4. How many Corvettes were built in 1976? 45,558, 46,558, or 47,558.
5. How many times did the word “Corvette” appear on 1954 Corvettes? 1, 2 or 4.
6. What was the last year for 327 cu. in. engines? 1957, 1968 or 1974.



## ***April QCNCRS Meeting Minutes***

**..... Tom Smith**

Tom James Garage  
Cleves, Ohio

Tom James, Chairman, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. He informed everyone that he had a couple of new cars in the garage this year, the '70 Chevelle SS and the '70 Camaro Z28. In addition, on display was the '68 Camaro in the corner, looking a little crusty and rusty, but will become his next project to restore. The Chevelle took a 3 1/2 years to complete and is the finishing touches will be added soon. The '53 Buick Skylark is a new addition; it has original paint except at the left rear quarter. The brakes need work, and the water pump leaks, but absolutely no rust, a solid car.

We have updated information about the swap meet which Barb will go over later, and Terrie has some information about it as well.

Tom informed everyone that the NCRS elections did take place at the National level and Mike Ingram was elected President again. He is going to work on the membership issue.

George's St. Susannah car show is coming up the first week in June, and we have promised to bring 15 cars to this event so please sign up as soon as possible.

This Saturday's judging event will be held across from Antique Auto Body shop in Burlington, Kentucky and starts at 8:15 in the morning. Some real nice steel bumper cars will be there.

Steve Barrett brought up that on April 27<sup>th</sup> the first car show of the year will be at Horsepower Farm, Opie's place; this is where the Show and Shine calendar will be released for 2024. There is also supposed to be a Corvette only car show this Saturday at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. Terrie James, Membership Chairman, said she did send the paperwork into the Show and Shine calendar, and it should be revealed April the 27<sup>th</sup> at Horsepower Farm.

John Wagoneer spoke with John Ballard. He has had some health issues but feels he is getting over them. Please keep John in your prayers.

## ***April QCNCRS Meeting Minutes***

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

Chris Rockenfield, Co-Chairman, said Kathy Clemments was going to be getting an award for her white Corvair convertible at Horsepower Farm on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This car will be in featured in the Show and Shine calendar. Congratulations Kathy!

Joe Eyl, Historian and Judging Chairman, said we will have a judging session on Mike Hartman's car sometime in June. This way he can make improvements and have it judged at the Chapter event in October. We will also have a tech seminar sometime this summer. Joe will get with Chris and Tom James to set up the date.

Joe also spoke with Vinnie Peterson and our Chapter meet will appear in the NCRS Driveline magazine 2 issues before the event as well as the month of the event. Please remember to sign up for an event online. You must do this to get your points for judging.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, went over the finances for March, and the remainder of the swap meet. A motion was made and accepted. Also, Barb talked to our regional representative recently, but Tom James has not talked to him for a year and a half.

Terrie James, our Membership Chairman, stated that she had been contacted the Shriner's every month by email prior to swap meet but unfortunately, they did not make an appearance the day of the event. She was contacted by the President of the ESI Shriner Chapter who stated they will be at our 2025 swap meet and requested Terrie contact him personally as a reminder. A generic version of our swap meet raffle tickets will be printed shortly and distributed to members so that they can begin selling tickets now. We have lost more members since last month and are down to 78 members. Please let people know about the Club and see if they are interested in joining.

Steve Barrett thanked Terrie for all she does. She does an awful lot for our club so thank you again Terrie, from the rest of the members.

Split-the-pot was drawn, and the meeting was adjourned.



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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 April Meeting Photos



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## Upcoming Events

### QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *Oct 12, 2024 – Chapter Judging meet, Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, IN*

### NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *May 2-4, 2024 - Heartland Regional, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- *May 31-June 2, 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)

- *May 5, 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Crusin to a Cure for ALS – Lawrenceburg, IN, Main Street 9-5*
- *May 11, 2024 – Bud's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Cruise-in, St. Mary's, OH*
- *May 19, 2024 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show, Butler County Fairgrounds*
- *June 2, 2024 – St. Susanna Car Show, 500 S. Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH*
- *June 9, 2024 – Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance, Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH*
- *July 20, 2024 – Keeneland Concours d'Elegance, Lexington, KY*
- *August 22-23, 2024 - Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *August 29-31, 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> National Corvette Caravan to NCM in celebration of the Museum's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*



## Technical Article

### 2005-2015 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 screwdriver 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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com).**

**Trivia Answers: 1. 1970-1971. 2. 1955. 3. True. 4. 46,558. 5. 2. 6. 1968.**