



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

October is upon us as we close out a great summer of cruise-ins and car shows.

Last month we had our Chapter picnic at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio. The picnic was very well attended with over 50 members and spouses attending. The road tour, which began in West Chester and caravanned to the picnic, had 15 Corvettes participating. I am sure this drew some thumbs up along the way. Overall, this was the longest picnic as far as time aspect. We did not end the party until 4:00 PM. A special thank you to our grill masters, Chris, Keith and Kenn, for manning a hot grill on a warm day. Thanks guys! The burgers and hot dogs were perfect. Also a big shout out to all the wives who prepared a delicious meal for all to enjoy.

Another kudos goes to Rick and Sue Willis for providing a great venue for our Club to meet at. On that note, Rick Willis asked if we were interested in filling the Toys-For-Tots boxes with new toys again this year. Rick sponsors this event every year for underprivileged children in order that they will have a great Christmas. There was an overwhelming vote of "yes"; we will

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September Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Kathy Plummer's Garage
866 E. Columbia Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Phone: 513-535-9335

Kathy always has a delicious spread of food, especially the desserts. You don't want to miss this one!

Again, this year we will be collecting new toys for the Toys-For-Tots campaign at this meeting. Please bring an unwrapped new toy for children between the ages of 1 and 18 years to be donated for this worthy cause.

Please remember to drive your Corvette!

QCNCRS Website Information

<https://qc.ncrs.org/>

Webmaster: George Denman gc@ncrs.org

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

definitely do a repeat of last year to help this worthy cause.

Our next meeting will be held at Kathy Plummer's house on Tuesday, October 15th at, 866 E. Columbia Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215 at 6:30 PM. We will have the donation boxes on site, so if you are planning to attend, please bring an unwrapped new toy for a boy or girl between the ages of 1 and 15 years of age to the meeting. We will have the October and November boxes and will need to fill as many boxes as possible.

On to the election of our Region II representative Skip Polowy. We need all members to vote by October 10th. This election is important! We need to get a voice on the NCRS Board for every Chapter in Region II. Skip has contacted the other Chapters in our region and has good support, but if you do not vote it will not matter, so go to <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/vote.php>, type in your membership number and choose **Edward "Skip" Polowy** for Region II Rep.

On October 12th between the hours of 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM, at Kelsey Chevrolet in Greendale, Indiana we will host our Chapter Judging Meet which will be held in the Body Shop Drive-Thru. We need judges to help out so if you have not registered yet, contact Joe Eyl at joeeyl@aol.com to get signed up. We need your help. There are four (4) cars registered. This means that we need 16 judges, so step up to the plate and help your Chapter. Lunch will be served during this judging event.

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th between the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM at the Aston Oaks Country Club. The same offer applies as in years past...\$50.00 per couple in attendance for a fun evening which includes dinner and your 2025 Chapter dues. You will begin receiving emails mid-October with further details. Get your reservations in early so we have a head count and can plan accordingly for appetizers and seating.

We will be holding a technical seminar at Chris Rockenfield's home on Saturday, October 5th between the hours of 10 AM and 12 noon, 4344 Orchard Lane 45236.

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Chairman's message – continued

The seminar will be on judging OPERATIONS. We encourage all to attend this fun-filled event. It will give great practice for the following week at our own Chapter meet. Please contact Chris if you are interested at vettechris1971@gmail.com.

Enough of my rambling. I will see you at the Judging Meet on Saturday, October 12th.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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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 was the last Corvette to feature an exterior trunk? 1960, 1962, or 1967.
2. When were aluminum heads first available to the public? 1960, 1967 or 1969.
3. Roof panel carriers for the exterior were optional or standard in 1982?
4. The last year for the fiber-optics light - monitoring system was 1967, 1968, or 1971.
5. A white interior was offered as an optional color in 1960 Corvettes. True or False.
6. What was the first year Corvette came out with over 400 hp engines? 1965, 1969, or 1979.



Fun Facts Tom James

Did Mercury build the ZR1 Corvette's LT5 engine? Yes, it did, but not the Mercury most car people first think of. Due to its complexity, the Lotus-designed DOHC 5.7 V-8 used by the 1990-1995 ZR1 Corvette was not a good fit for the mass-production techniques of the Flint, Michigan, engine-assembly plant at the time. Thus, General Motors shopped for a partner to handle the more intricate task. That partner turned out to be Mercury Marine, longtime maker of outboard and inboard boat engines. Located in the aptly named city of Stillwater in Oklahoma, Mercury Marine assembled the engines for each of the 6,922 ZR1s built (plus a few hundred extra warranty-replacement /GM Performance Parts crate engines). Ford's Lincoln-Mercury division had nothing to do with any of this.

If the last L5 engine was built in November 1993, how did Chevrolet keep selling ZR1 Corvettes through 1995? Simple, General Motors directed Mercury Marine to build a surplus supply of completed engines. These were sealed tight and stored at Bowling Green until they were needed for ZR1 installation, as much as two years later. A similar scenario played out at Pontiac in 1977. Demand for its 400-ci V-8 was nil except for the wildly popular Firebird Trans Am, where the optional W72 was becoming legend. Before converting its V-8 engine foundry from the manufacture of 400s to tame 265s (1980 and 1981 only) and 301s, Pontiac cast a surplus of 400 blocks. This freed the Pontiac V-8 line to crank out small V-8s while ensuring that Trans Ams received the 400 blocks they needed. Thus, it's legitimate for a 400 block in a 1978-1979 Trans Am W72 to have a 1977 casting date. Likewise, post-1993 ZR1 Corvettes can acceptably display date-code markings as far back as two years older than the host vehicle.

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September QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Chris Rockenfield ...

Horsepower Farm, Middletown, OH

No minutes provided this month

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In Memoriam

Gary Ralph Mortimer Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gary Ralph Mortimer on August 26, 2024. Gary was born on February 12, 1941, and grew up in his family's DOT Food Grocery in New Baltimore, Ohio. He lived within a mile of the store his entire life.

Gary was a Civil Engineer and Commercial Construction Project Manager by trade. Gary helped found the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) in 1974 and served eight years as the club's first President. He loved his decades spent as the Membership and Merchandise Chairman. Later, he was honored to be a member of the National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame and Bloomington Gold Corvette Hall of Fame. He attended every Indianapolis 500 race since 1948, a total of 76 in a row!

Gary is survived by his wife of 61 years Linda Sharon; his son Eric (Ann) Mortimer; daughter Melissa (Mark) Louderback; granddaughters Mariah (Slade) Lutz; Molly Louderback; and Hannah Mortimer; and grandson Lucas Mortimer.

Gary loved his wife, family, friends, Corvettes, Avantis, trains, toys, root beer, the Indy 500, and ice cream with friends.

The Presbyterian Church, Front Street Sanctuary
23 South Front St., Hamilton, OH

Celebration of Life



Gary R. Mortimer

February 12, 1941 – August 26, 2024



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To:
Queen City Chapter and
members.
Thank you for remem-
bering Gary with your gifts
thru the years. They are
very much appreciated and
the friendships treasured.

We thank you for all the love and support you
have given our family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Sharon Mortimer
&
Family

Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *Oct 6, 2024 – Technical Seminar – Operations at Chris Rockenfield's home on Saturday, October 5th between the hours of 10 AM and 12 noon, 4344 Orchard Lane 45236.*
- *Oct 12, 2024 – Chapter Judging meet, Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, IN*
- *Dec 8, 2024 - Annual QCNCRS Chapter Christmas Party*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *October 17-19, 2024 – Lone Star Regional, Frisco, TX*
- *April 3-5, 2025—Regional, Pendleton, SC*
- *May 1-3, 2025—Regional, Glendale, AZ*
- *May 29-31, 2025—Regional, Lacrosse, WI*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

October 4-6

- Pumpkin Run Nationals/Fastiques Rod & Custom Of Southern Ohio, Clermont Co. Fairgrounds.

October 5, 2024

- 13th Miami Historical Society Show, St. Rt. 128 & Mill Street, Registration 8-12 noon.

October 6, 2024

- 15th Annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest Car Show, Donauschwaben Society, 4290 Dry Ridge Road, Registration 10-12 noon.
- Get Air Food Truck Rally & Car Show, Get Air Huber Heights, 6020 Chambersburg Road, Registration, 9:30-12 noon.

October 12, 2024

- Sleepy Hollow Car Show, Paul Ogle Riverfront Park, 100 Ferry St., Registration 8-12.
- Germantown Saturday Night-Out, Main St, Plum Street, and Center St located in Historic Downtown District, 3-8PM.

October 13, 2024

- Spring Grove Cemetery, 17th Cruise-In, Spring Grove Funeral Home, 4389 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12:00-4 PM.

October 19, 2024

- Trunk Or Treat car Show/Ohio Valley Cruisers, Franklin Township Park, 4049 State Route 122, Show 2-6PM
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*

Replacing hydraulic clutch fluid using the Ranger Method

Moisture and air do get into your hydraulic reservoir, and it is recommended that your hydraulic clutch fluid be replaced **every 2 years** to maintain proper clutch operation and smooth manual transmission shifting.

Using this method takes about 30-45 minutes and removes the contaminated dark dirty fluid from your hydraulic clutch reservoir.

Things you will need include:

New bottle "DOT 4" Brake fluid (about 16 oz.)

Syringe or turkey baster syphon

Clear waste container for old fluid (glass or plastic)

Supply of shop rags or any old rags and a flashlight

Steps to follow:

1. Stuff a few rags around the reservoir to protect your engine areas from drips
2. Remove and wipe clean the reservoir cap and rubber boot seal under the cap. Make sure to fold the soft rubber boot back into the cap before replacing onto the reservoir.
3. Look into the reservoir with a flashlight to see if you can see the bottom of the reservoir. Also look on the outside of the reservoir for the proper high level & low-level marks.
4. Using a syringe or turkey baster, syphon or suck out the old fluid and discard into the clear waste container. Note the color and any particles that settle into the waste container.
5. Add the new DOT 4 brake fluid to the upper-level mark and replace the cap. The reservoir only holds about 2 oz. of fluid.
6. Get into the car and pump the clutch pedal 30 times.
7. Remove the reservoir cap and using the syringe or turkey baster suck out the fluid and discard into the clear waste container. Note the color of the fluid as you remove it.
8. Add more new fluid to the high-level mark, and replace the cap.
9. Pump the clutch pedal 30 more times.
10. Repeat this fluid removal, refill to high level mark and pump clutch pedal 30 times, until the fluid you suck out is clear.
11. It may take up to 5 cycles of fluid removal, replace it with new fluid and pumping the pedal 30 times.
12. When the fluid is clear in the reservoir, and you can see the bottom with the flashlight you are done. You can clean up and dispose of the dirty old fluid the same as used motor oil.



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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 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. 1962. 2. 1960. 3. Optional. 4. 1971. 5. False. 6. 1965.