



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Well, we have reached the month of July already with very few car shows or swap meets. If you are like me, I know you are going through withdrawal from not having the smell of musty car parts around. But there is hope on the horizon. Mecum is coming to Indianapolis July 10th through July 18th. The amount of cars looks to be good. Several nice collections are going to be sold at No Reserve. The deciding factor will be what kind of crowd shows up. Stay tuned since this is the first auction since COVID-19 hit.

On to the next topic. Our first meeting since the pandemic was a great success. We had over 50 attendees. The topics ranged from what events were still going to occur and which ones were on the bubble. Bloomington Gold has been rescheduled for September 11th and 12th and will be held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Carlisle Events look to be going on as planned. Last weekend the rescheduled Spring Carlisle took place. The vendor attendance looked to be at 50%, which in a place like Carlisle looks to be

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July Meeting Info

.... Columbia Chevrolet

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Columbia Chevrolet

Phone: 513-891-3905

From I-275: Take I-275 North to exit 50 Montgomery / Morrow Exit (US 22W / OH 3 South) Go south on Montgomery Road / US 22W / OH 3 South for approx. 2.1 miles.

Food: This will be a grill-out

Features: Gary Grever always makes our visit to Columbia Chevrolet a terrific experience. Come and see what he has in store and also the terrific deals he is offering.

Discussions: Our upcoming adventures and what do we want to do this year.

Website: www.columbiachev.com

QCNCRS Website Information

<http://www.ncrs.org/qc/>

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NOTICE!

Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for getting information, into the newsletter is the 6th of each month. If it isn't here we will publish without you.

pretty slim pickings, but it was the first one. Hopefully they get better.

At our June meeting we had our drawing for the Shriners Hospital for Children raffle. We had a guest from Hungary visiting America who pulled the winning tickets. Congratulations to all of the winners. The totals from the auction and raffle look to be around a \$4,000.00 donation to the Shriners. In my opinion that is a tremendous achievement for our Club since we had to cancel the swap meet. Thank you to all of the members who worked to buy and sell the auction items and raffle tickets. A special thank you to Gary Grever for his effort in selling tickets again this year. Great job Gary!!

The July meeting will be held at Columbia Chevrolet, 9750 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 on July 21, 2020. We will be having a grill out for the dinner that evening. If you can help with the grilling, please contact me to make the arrangements.

Save The Wave.

Tom

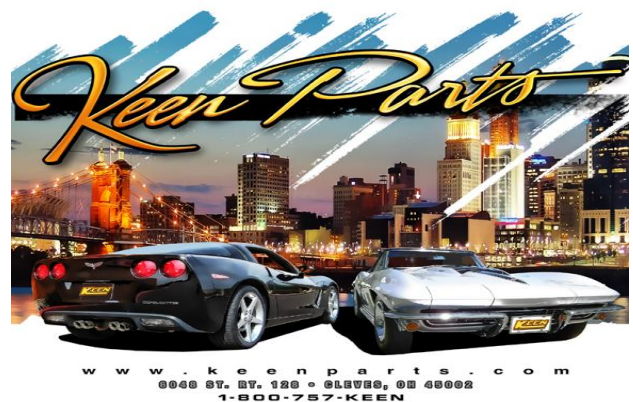
FUN FACTS

..... Tom James

Chevrolet took a lot of heat for launching Corvette with an automatic transmission and waiting until 1955 to offer a more sporting manual transmission. But a look below the speedometer hints at something most critics failed to see. Of all the possible places to mount the parking brake warning lamp, the stylists stuck it directly above the steering column. It just so happens that Chevrolet's column-shift type steering column (as used in passenger cars) has its actuator rod positioned in this same location. Could the Corvette's chrome plated steering column finish have been designed to accept the passenger car's 3-speed column shifter as an alternative to the PowerGlide automatic?

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FUN FACTS (Cont.)

Directly behind the instrument cluster is a horizontal structural brace supporting the steering column and dash assembly. Directly behind the parking lamp lens, and precisely where a 3-speed column shift actuator rod would pass, this brace is formed with a hump that serves no purpose except to allow passage of a shift actuator rod. These clues suggest Chevrolet considered offering a column shifted 3-speed manual transmission but held off. Was there concern that the balky three-on-the-tree would be as unpopular as the PowerGlide automatic?

The eventual shifter used to manipulate the two-speed PowerGlide was a floor-mounted lever set conveniently next to the driver's right leg. Much more sporting than the column mounted handle used on PowerGlide passenger models, it was a step in the right direction. It also cut costs and complexity compared to the maze of links, pivots, and bell cranks that would have been required for a passenger car style column shifter, whether manual or automatic.

Technical Articles Needed

..... ***Gerry Hilbert***

Technical articles needed to publish in the Side Draft and for Dale to put on the Web Site? These articles are needed for us to meet NCRS Top Flight chapter requirements.

Thanks
Jerry

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Half Page
\$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.

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2020

..... ***Tom Smith***

Tom James welcomed everyone to the meeting, and made sure we all got something to eat.

He was not sure if it would be a good turn out, but it was. Glad to see everyone is out and safe. A bunch of car shows are canceled this year, and some are rescheduled for later dates. Please check before going to any event to make sure it is still going on.

Tonight we held the raffle from the March swap meet.



Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

John Ballard judging chair informed us that only there is one event occurring in Texas, all others have been canceled for the year due to the pandemic.

Please be aware that if you are going to put on an event that in your sign-up sheet there needs to be a clause that the people attending sign releasing the club, region, and national NCRS from liability of contacting any illness.

The board of directors are still working on coming up with a plan on how we are going to handle the meets after the pandemic is over.

Everywhere you go there are issues arising with any event, and a lot of events are on hold until we can figure this out. NCRS membership is an old group of people.

Rod Russell, Newsletter Editor, had nothing new to report. Tom James reminded us we still need tech articles for the newsletter, so if you have a project you are working on, please take pictures, and tell us about it.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, went over the financial statements, and they were passed.

Terri James, Membership Chair, reminded us to sign up for the items left over from the silent auction.

Dale Maris, Web Master, asked everyone to send any pictures to him of things they are working on.

Chris Rockenfield, Co-Chairman, thanked everyone for coming, and added that it was good to see everyone.

Jerry Hilbert took the floor and asked everybody to please sign in. Jerry informed us about a couple of members who's health requires that they not attend. If you know someone like this, please give them a call. Steve Barrett took the floor and suggested that we put everyone's car in the directory

and newsletter.

Terri James membership chair said we have 3 new members, and asked everyone to participate in the silent auction. Also do we want to continue to donate to the Shriner's hospital or possibly change recipients. Please think about it.

Swap Meet in 2021 will be on the 3rd Sunday in March at Columbia Chevrolet.

Chris Berg then took the floor, and gave Kathy Plummer a framed blue print of a Corvette for her garage as a thank you for hosting the club meeting there. Thanks Kathy!

Tom James showed the nice new stainless steel trim rings that Keen Parts is reproducing. John Ballard stepped in to describe how accurate they were, and advised people to consider Keen parts.

John Ballard brought up the new virtual judging schools that are going on this year and advised us all to attend if possible. They are on the web.

Tom James then started the raffle, and split the pot, which after this the meeting was adjourned.

Tom James Garage Meeting

..... Jerry Hilbert

We are so famous that a fellow from Hungary came to visit us. Here he is standing behind Tom James.



James Garage Meeting (Cont.)





QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2020 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: _____

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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.

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