



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

November has arrived but the weather is holding out for a little while so we can still drive those classics a little while longer.

This month's gathering will be cancelled due to the fact that I have been shot down by three (3) different places due to the COVID-19 spike in cases. Last month our meeting was held at Keen (Corvette) Parts in Cleves, Ohio. We had a very good turnout with around 30 members in attendance. Our topics included the upcoming Christmas party and the 2021 Swap Meet.

The Christmas party is a go and will be held at Aston Oaks Country Club on Sunday, December 6th from the hours of 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost to attend is \$50.00 per member and their spouse or guest which includes the cost of the event as well as your 2021 Queen City NCRS Chapter Membership Dues. If you would like to attend, please make your check payable to **QCNCRS** and remit to Barb Hilbert at 3663 Layhigh Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013. Please make your

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November Meeting Information

**NO
MEETING
THIS
MONTH.
COULD
NOT
FIND
LOCATION.**

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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.

Chairman's Message (Cont.)

reservations no later than November 30th to secure your spot for the holiday gathering.

We need to start planning for the Swap Meet. Gary Grever attended the meeting at Keen Parts and stated that the Joseph's are not ready to have the Swap meet at Columbia Chevrolet in March. If we are going to have a swap meeting somewhere, we need input now as to where it would be feasible to hold it. We need to decide now so that the fliers, tickets, etc. can be printed and generally get the word out about a new location. One idea which was tossed out was the Butler County Fairgrounds. We are checking to see the availability and cost. If anyone has a place that they know of which would be feasible, please contact me as soon as possible to get this moving. I am afraid if we do not have a Swap Meet this year it will not be on people's minds and we will lose the great following we have had all of these years.

On to a car topic....Charlie Browning brought pictures of his '54 freshly painted with the reassembly progressing nicely. With regards to my Chevelle project, I am currently waiting on sandblasting the body but have changed direction on the frame. I am going to have the bodywork done on the dirty frame then lift the body off to have the frame acid dipped with the rest of the components. I have done all of my Corvettes this way and it has worked well. I have included some disassembly photos to show the process of getting down to a bare shell.

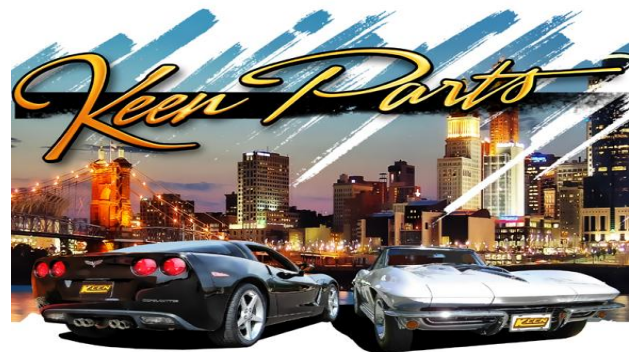
That is about it from my side of the world. Hope everyone is safe and healthy. I hope to see you all at the Christmas party.

Save The Wave.

Tom

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Fun Facts

..... Tom James

An early spate of carburetor fires afflicting 1953 models triggered a redesign of the air-cleaner configuration. The trio of bullet-shaped units initially used could drip raw gasoline onto the hot exhaust manifolds below if flooded. To remedy this for 1954 and 1955, the three carburetor mouths were sealed to a horizontal tube that was fed clean air by two chromed circular filter units. A revised camshaft brought power up to 155 hp in 1954.

Despite its inline 6-cylinder engine, Earl's stylists added a touch of V-8 imagery to the 1953 Corvette's tail by splitting the exhaust system and capping the dual outlets with chrome tips. Although some inline 6-cylinder cars of the mid-1950s (certain low-line Studebakers) emulated dual exhaust tips with stylized rear bumpers incorporating a second dummy outlet, the Corvette dual exhaust tracts were real and fully effective.

With use, owners of 1953 Corvettes noticed their cars' 1-inch tailpipe extensions sucked exhaust fumes into the cabin and deposited soot around the trunk. A remedy appeared midway through the 1954 production run when the length of the tip was extended to a full 4 inches. The extended tips were implemented on 1,523 or 3,640 roadsters built in 1954 and on all 700 cars built in 1955.

Through the years, Corvettes have worn

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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.

Fun Facts (Cont.)

many legendary external engine-callout emblems. The first arrived in 1955 on 265-ci V-8 cars. To tell the world a V-8 was on board, the standard die cast chrome Corvette fender emblems were enhanced with an oversized, gold-toned “V” applied atop the small V in the Corvette nameplate. Interestingly, the chromed die cast metal inscriptions were the same items used in 1953 and 1954. The enlarged V was an add-on component. Removing it revealed a standard 6-cylinder emblem with the smaller, integral V.

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Terrie's Trivia (Answers on last page)

..... Terrie James

1. In 1967 there were approximately 20,000, 2,000 or 20 427 cu. in. engine models called L-88s sold to retail customers?
2. A gold "V" inside the "Chevrolet" trim indicated a V-8 engine in 1955. True or False.
3. In 1993, the 32 valve engine was exclusive to the ZR1. True or False.
4. The ROP 684 heavy duty brake and suspension option was available in 1960. True or False.
5. What was the first year for a dual point distributor? 1956, 1957 or 1963.
6. What year did the base price for a Corvette first exceed \$4,000.00? 1958, 1962 or 1963.

October QCNCRS Meeting Minutes Tom Smith

Tom James, Chairmen, welcomed everyone to Keen Corvettes, and thanked Tom Keen for having us. We have just a little bit of stuff to go over.

As everyone knows all the remaining car shows have been canceled this year, and we shall wait to see what happens in January 2021. We need to print new tickets for the swap meet, and the Shriner's have moved to Dayton, and have changed the name of the hospital, and we need to change the logo.

The other concern with the swap meet is that the Joseph's are not comfortable having it this March due to the COVID virus. We need to find an alternative location that is about 30,000 square feet. If anyone has any suggestion please contact Tom James.

Someone suggested Butler County Fairgrounds, they have a kitchen, and restrooms.

Tom went to Fall Carlisle PA swap meet this fall, it was big, with a lot of traffic, and vendors.

Tom reminded everyone to sign in at this meeting before they leave.

Rod Russell, Editor, asked members to send any pictures of projects they are working on.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, went over the financials for last month and a motion was passed. She also mentioned the Shriner's sent a nice letter about the donation we made.

Dale Maris, Webmaster, said national NCRS changed our website address ... it is now, www.QC.NCRS.org Tom James recommended that we start posting pictures on the web site.

Gary Greiver, and Dave Parker from Columbia Chevrolet were in attendance and spoke about how challenging this year has been in the car business. The inventory levels have been down, and they sold all the new C8 corvettes that got in from the factory.

Dave Parker said it has been interesting trying to teach the new car customers how to check the oil in the C8. The engine must be running, and at operating temperature, there is no dipstick. Transmission fluid gets changed every 7500 miles. Gary added the new ZR1 is a year and a half out. The new Tahoe and Suburban are coming out and they look great.

Tom Keen picked up his new C8 at the factory, and spoke how Dave and Gary got it all set up for him, with a photo album of the car being made. It was a great experience.

Terrie James, Membership Chair, asked if everyone was ok with the same date for picnic next year at Horse Power Park. The date is September 19, 2021.

The Christmas party is coming up, the date is December 5, 2020 at Ashton Oaks Country Club. Terrie will send out email reminders, and

October Minutes (Cont.)

the cost is still only \$50 per couple.

Tom James introduced Tom Rousch a retired Kroger employee after 37 years, and the owner of a 1994 corvette. Tom James welcomed him to the meeting.

Tom J. next introduced Tom Keen again to ask him to inform us about any new product he is working on. He said they have been working on a couple of new items, and are starting to make some new C5 parts.

Split the pot was drawn.

Tom James ended the meeting and thanked everybody for coming.

Is this a late model Corvette problem? Dale Maris

I recently drove my 2013, LS3, Vette about 10 miles. When I got ready to come home when I started it, it ran really rough. I showed on the DIC screen that I needed to service my traction control and my active traction handling control. What went wrong? I crippled home and pulled out my OBD II scanner. All I saw was a P0300 code. Random/multiple cylinder(s) -misfire detected (Chevrolet). I was confused between the computer code and the messages on the dash.

I contact our most reliable Corvette helper, Steve Whittaker. He was on vacation in Gatlinburg, but immediately over the phone said I likely had a spark wire that fell off. How come I get multiple random cylinder message with one plug wire off? He stated that happens with the sensors and a plug wire off.

Well, when I took the coil covers off, number 3 spark plug wire was off the coil, just hanging in the air. I plug it back on and all is

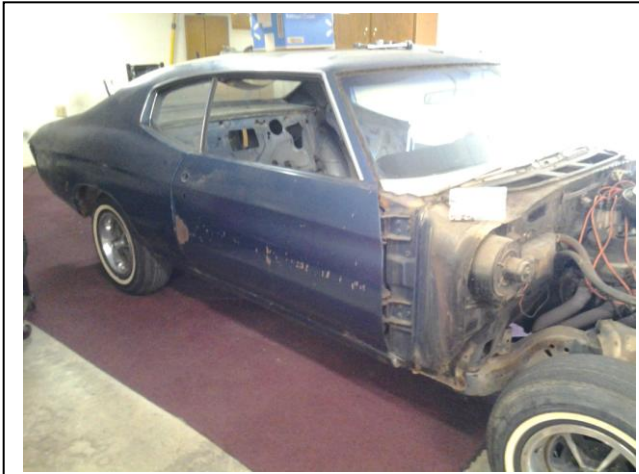
well. The wire connector seems good and the boot is tight, so I do not know why this happens and how often it may happen.

Anyone else with this condition? Dale

Tom James Progress Update on His 1970 Chevelle Project



Tom James Chevelle (Cont.)



Things I Have Noticed

..... Joe Eyl

As you know I am a level five (5) judge and have met, and known, many interesting... and some now famous, Corvette owners. But in getting around to be able to do all the judging I have done, I have seen many things I find curious about America. I call it... ONLY IN AMERICA!

ONLY IN AMERICA:

- Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
- Are there handicap parking spaces in front of a skating rink.
- Do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
- Do we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.
- Do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

And one I particularly like... On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for the other use." Now, somebody out there, help me on this. I'm a bit curious.

TECH TIPS

... *From The Crossed Flags (North Central NCRS)*

Ballast Resistors Differences

Most of us know that the resistors on all 1956-1967 Corvettes visually look the same, however, there is a difference in the resistance value.

Through 1962, the resistance is approximately 0.3 ohms... mid-years use a ballast around 1.4 ohms. They were designed with a black dot on the center bracket of the 0.3 ohm resistor and a blue stripe on the top-right side of the porcelain for the mid-year resistor.

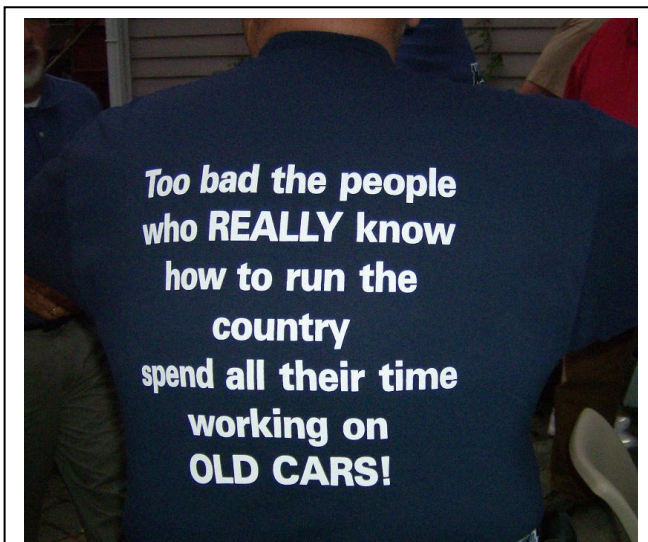
Note: these markings (made with a felt-tip pen) only appeared on service replacement parts. Production resistors had no marks.

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



GETTING ACQUAINTED

.... *An Editorial*

Lets face it, most of us have joined the QCNCRS because we wanted to get to know people that have similar interests to our own. Of course, there are a few who only come for the food... you know who you are.

Some members are more notorious than others and they are easy to get to know... but there are many guys who come that have a lot to offer, but never get a chance to be recognized. Our membership roster has names, but no pictures. So a lot of us say hello to you, but we forget your name. That is not what we want to do, but wouldn't it be easier to remember everyone if we knew more about you?

Many years ago we had a section in our newsletter that told stories about members and how they found their first Corvette and what happened to them in their search, etc. It was fun and it made us know each other better.

We are going to begin these stories again... and run a few of the past goodies.

Don't worry about volunteering for a story. We will find and expose you without any effort on your part.

The Indiana Playboy

..... *Allen King*

A very shy guy goes into a bar and sees a beautiful woman sitting at the bar. He goes over to her and asks, tentatively, "Um, would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?"

She responds by yelling, at the top of her lungs, "No, I won't sleep with you tonight!" Everyone in the bar turn and stares at them.

The guy is completely embarrassed and he slinks back to his table.

After a few minutes, the woman walks over and apologizes. "I'm sorry about that. I'm a student and I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations."

To which, he responds at the top of his lungs, "What do you mean, \$200?"



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Trivia Answers: 1. 20, 2. True, 3. True , 4. False, 5. 1956, 6. 1962