



# The Side Draft

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## Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Cold and snowy is the outlook for February as predicted by Punxsutawney Phil. However, there is hope that there will be a small break in the weather so that we can exercise a classic car for a few minutes at least. Spring is coming soon with a hope that the pandemic subsides and car shows, as well as cruise-ins, resume.

I received notice from the National that the Top Flight Chapter Awards will be cancelled for 2021. It seems like we are giving up early without really waiting for a chance to see what the vaccine can do. Anyway, we will try to have a few events, monthly meetings, annual picnic, as well as our Chapter Christmas party this year to try and get back on track.

The swap meet is not going to happen this year and I hope that since we have not had one in two (2) years we do not lose the momentum that we had for all of the past years. We will need extra help to spread the word in 2022 that we are back and better than ever.

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## February Meeting Information

.... Noel Grace

**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021

**Time:** 6:30PM

**Location:** Factory Hot Rods, Inc., 4884 Duff Drive, West Chester, OH 45246

**Phone:** 513-266-2515

**Directions:** Upon entering the strip center complex, proceed down the road until it dead ends, then turn right.

**Food:** As always there will be a gourmet delight. After all, this is a dinner club, we just happen to like Corvettes.

**Website:**

**Email:**

## QCNCRS Website Information

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

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## NOTICE!

### Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for getting information, into the newsletter is the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If it isn't here we will publish without you.

## ***Chairman's Message (Cont.)***

Last month I asked for opinions on making a donation to the Scholarship Fund for the NCRS Foundation. The question was whether to donate \$500.00 or \$1,000.00 since there were no events last year. I am happy to report that many of you responded with an email to donate \$1,000.00 to the fund. We normally would have a vote at a monthly meeting but since there have been no meetings this will have to do for now. I will forward your decision to Barb Hilbert and have her send them our donation. Our Chapter has been a leader in charitable donations across the county; let's hope other Chapters do likewise.

Speaking of money, the Chapter's Financial Report will now be published each month so all members can review expenses for the Chapter.

Your yearly Chapter membership dues are now due. Thank you to the 77 members who have paid and a reminder to those who still owe. Please pay them now so we can move to other business at hand.

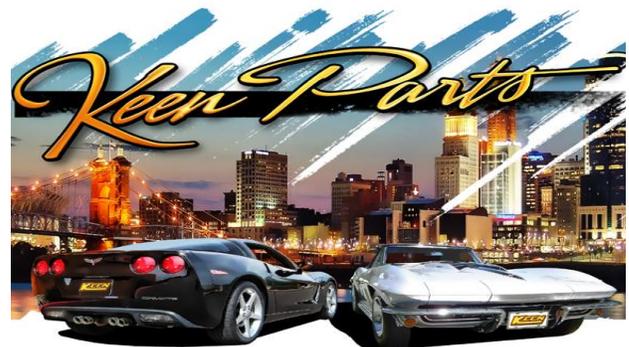
We currently have 95 members and are always looking for more. If you have a friend who may want to join our group, have them contact Terrie James at [tmjames7329@gmail.com](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com) to sign up.

Winter projects are still moving along. My Chevelle L56 is ready to go to the restoration shop. Most of the components are restored; I am just waiting for my turn at the shop. I have included some photos of the restored parts which are ready when the paint and body are done.

Good news! I have spoken with Noel Grace at Noel's Hot Rods and he has agreed to host the February meeting at his shop in Tri-County. This month's meeting will take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please bring a mask and chair. Noel always has a build going on that is a work of art. He recently sold one of his creations at Mecum in Orlando. Come hear and see what is next.

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

To cut costs, the Corvette's front suspension shared many passenger-car components. It was ex-Rolls-Royce chassis guru Maurice Olley who oversaw adapting the Bel Air parts for use on the new sports car. Notable changes included specific steering linkage and revised front anti-sway bar positioning. Like all pre-1955 Chevrolet passenger cars, the Corvette employed kingpins instead of ball joints, a detail that hampered ideal handling until the 1963 Sting Ray.

Power steering was not offered on any Corvette until 1963, but to give the Corvette better reflexes in 1953, the Saginaw manual steering box was given a faster 16:1 ratio vs. 19.4:1. standard.

The passenger-car also contributed major brake components to the Corvette. The same 11 x 2.00/11 x 1.75 inch drums (front/rear) remained, but the piston in the brake master cylinder was 1/8 inch larger for quicker application. The brake proportioning valve was adjusted to deliver 3% less forward bias. This switch from the passenger car's typical 56/44 (front/rear) to 53/47 percent proportion ratio complemented Corvette's more even front/rear weight distribution.

To ease law enforcement's effort to identify purloined Corvettes, a hidden VIN stamping was applied to the top of the 1953 frame in addition to the stainless steel VIN tag affixed to the driver-side door-hinge pillar. Visible through the driver-side rear wheel opening, the entire 10 character identification sequence was stamped atop the main frame rail where it transitioned upward over the axle. For 1954 and up, the hidden VIN was moved atop the central X-member near the driver's seat and is almost impossible to read with the body in place.

## **Newsletter Advertising Rates**

Business Card – 2x3.5

\$25.00 / month or \$275.00 / year

Quarter Page

\$40.00 / month or \$350.00 / year

Half Page

\$75.00 / month or \$600.00 / year

Full Page

\$150.00 / month or \$1,200.00 / year

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\$500.00 / year with direct website link

**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** See Last Page For Answers

1. When was Fawn beige offered as an exterior color? 1962, 1973 or 1978.
2. What was the first year for factory trailer packages? 1977, 1979 or 1982.
3. How many 1965's were produced? 22,744, 23,326 or 23,562.
4. What was the first year for roll-up windows? 1953, 1956 or 1958
5. Fender flares behind the wheels became available in 1968, 1970 or 1973?
6. What was the first year for red striped nylon tires, f70x15s? 1968, 1971 or 1975.

**COLUMBIA  
CHEVROLET**



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**December QCNCRS Meeting  
Minutes ..... Tom Smith**

NO MEETING ... NO MINUTES !!!

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**Progress – Tom’s Chevelle**

The following is an updated pictorial trip on the progress of Tom and his Chevelle.

There has to be more of us doing projects to keep from going nutty. What are you doing?



MY  
APPOLOGIES!  
DUE  
TO SEVERAL  
PERSONAL  
COMPLICATIONS,  
THIS NEWSLETTER  
IS VERY MUCH  
ABREVIATED..  
AGAIN,  
MY APPOLOGIES!!!



## QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2021 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 513-941-6909 or email at [tmjames7329@gmail.com](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com).**

**Trivia Answers: 1. 1962, 2. 1977, 3. 23,562, 4. 1956, 5. 1970, 6. 1968**