



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

March has arrived....coming in as a lamb so let's hope it does not go out as a lion.

Greetings fellow NCRS members. I hope this month finds all of our members healthy and safe. With the roads clean we can focus on breaking out the classics for the first time for some much needed exercise as well as mental exercise for us. This has been, for me at least, one of the longest winters in recent memory due to the shutdowns and other restrictions. I am fortunate to have a hobby that kept me occupied for most of the winter. With the vaccine now in distribution I hope members feel comfortable in returning to our monthly meetings with your fellow NCRS friends.

Once again this month we are going to hold a monthly meeting. This month it will be held at Keen Parts, 6048 State Route 128, Cleves, Ohio 45002. Last month we were on schedule for Noel Grace's Hot Rods factory but old man winter got in the way right before the meeting was to be held so once again we

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March Meeting Information

.... Keen Parts

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Keen Parts, 6048 OH 128, Cleves, OH 45002

Phone: 513-353-3449

Directions: Take I-74 to exit 7 (OH-128). Go West on OH-128S. Destination is on the left. Our meeting is across the street at the Parts Warehouse.

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

Website: www.KeenParts.com

Email: info@keenparts.com

Note: Bring your own chair.

QCNCRS Website Information

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

Webmaster: Dale Maris qc@ncrs.org

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.)

were forced to cancel. The weather forecast should be on our side now so make plans to attend on March 16th at 6:30 PM.

Recently I have been receiving phone calls about the swap meet from people wanting to know if we were still having it. It's nice to know that people have not forgotten about it even though it has been cancelled for two years. I feel good about the continued interest and that they will be back with us next year.

Thanks to all members who paid their Chapter dues. We only have seven (7) members still unpaid at this time. If you are one of the 7, please remit your dues as soon as possible in the amount of \$20.00 made payable to QCNCRS and send to the attention of Terrie James, 7329 Southpointe Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.

This month we welcome our newest member Ed Curran to our group. We hope you can join us at our monthly meetings.

Recently my wife and I stopped at Columbia Chevrolet to see how Gary and Dave were doing. Gary said they have over 70 Corvettes on order but are facing another setback due to supplier problems. Wait times are around four to six months if not longer. It looks like most people's orders will become 2022's.

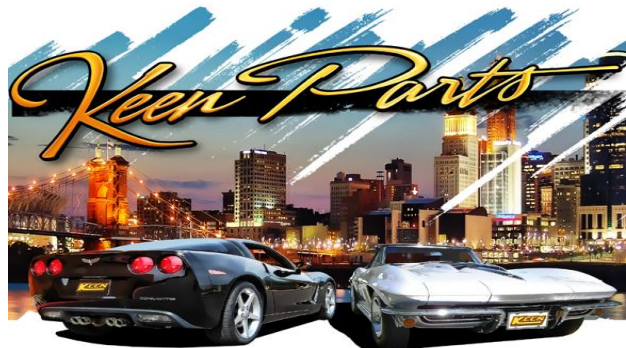
On another note, please keep an old member and friend of our club in your thoughts and prayers. Bruce Slattery is recovering from recent health issues. Hoping for a speedy recovery for Bruce.

That's all for now. Save the Wave.

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

Long before the advent of cast and forged-aluminum wheels, Corvette shared its unadorned 15 x 5 inch Kelsey Hayes steel rims with standard Chevrolets. The only detail setting them apart was color. All 1953 and 1954 rims were painted Sportsman Red to complement the interior. For 1955, Chevrolet shuffled the deck to suit the growing body color palette. Cars painted Gypsy Red (a different shade than Sportsman Red), Harvest Gold, and Corvette Copper received color-keyed rims. 1955 cars painted Polo White or Pennant Blue reverted to Sportsman Red wheels.

The front side of Corvette's steel wheels wore pretty shades of paint, but what about the reverse side? In a seemingly random fashion, some rims were painted to match the outboard face, and others were merely sprayed with a hasty coat of semi-gloss black to prevent surface rust.

A production hiccup forced the use of simple, bulbous 1953 Bel Air wheel covers on the first 25 Corvettes built in 1953. Or did it? Although there exist many GM photos of Bel Air-capped 1953 Corvettes, research indicates few, if any, reached showrooms with them. General Motors likely replaced them with the correct spinner-type covers before retail shipment.

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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. Which Corvette was the first to feature a 4-barrel alum. intake manifold? 1962, '64 or '65.
2. In 1965 the rear carpeting was changed from separate pieces to a molded design. True or False.
3. 1970 standard equipment included 4-speed transmissions or automatic transmissions and posi-traction. True or False.
4. How many different 4-speed manual transmissions were available in 1968? 2, 3 or 4.
5. What was the first year that a carbureted Corvette engine surpassed 1 hp per cu. Inch? 1958, 1962 or 1964?
6. Additional insulation in the 1992 Corvette doors, as well as improved transmission tunnel insulation, resulted in road noise reduction. True or False.

**COLUMBIA
CHEVROLET**



**February QCNCRS Meeting
Minutes Tom Smith**

NO MEETING ... NO MINUTES !!!

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**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

1963 Corvette Past History

..... Dale Maris

There was a well-known Drag race car from Dayton back in the 1970's It was sponsored by the Ault-James Speed shop in Dayton. They had several cars, but his 1963 Corvette was well known.

Early this year this car came available on EBay. A fellow corvette enthusiast, Rex Turner, from Kentucky, purchase the car with the idea of restoring it to its race car heritage.

The car had an outstanding red paint job, but it's now back to black as it was when it was raced. It now has a small block motor with the original type 8 port fuel injectors.

Somehow Bruce Bursten got involved and convinced Rex to convert the injectors to electronically controlled injectors for improved driving on the street or at shows. All the new electronics are hidden under the intake manifold, with the wires coming out the manifold and directly into the firewall and under the dash. You might detect the oxygen sensor, but other sensors are well hidden. The throttle position sensor is under the floor where the cable comes out.

This car was presented at Kilkare at "The Gathering of the Geezers" this past summer, but the electronic FI system was not yet working. This was done because Jerry Ault is not in good health and we wanted him to see his car as it looks now. Dave Thomas, the car's tuner was also there with the new owner Rex Turner. Hope to have the car there next year and running.

Dale



QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2021 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

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<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.

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