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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Spring is here and so are the warmer temperatures. With the weather breaking and COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, cruise-ins, car shows, and judging meets are back on schedule.

Last month our Chapter meeting was held at Factory Hot Rods and drew over 30 members and guests in attendance. Attendees were treated to an evening of food and catching up with their fellow Queen City Members whom we have missed for over a year. It was great to see everyone back at a meeting.

We had two new members at our gathering this month. Kenn Bragg and Ed Curran. Also we have two new additional members who recently joined our Chapter, Ralph Robke and Tom Rauf. We welcome all of these members to our group.

The Mecum Auction is fast approaching and will be held at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds from May 14th through May 22nd. This is not only a place to buy a classic car but is also one of the best car shows in the country. You can see everything from a 1900 classic to a modern day Ferrari. Hours are from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily.

Bloomington Gold will be held on June 18th and June 19th at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. There will be judging, a swap meet and a special collection of LS6

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May Meeting Information

May Meeting: 5/18/21

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: InvizaShield
24 Whitney Drive
Milford, Ohio 45150

Phone: 513-703-4235

Website: invizashield.com

Directions: Take Exit 59 from I-275 E
Continue on OH-450 E to
Destination

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.

Corvettes to view. Many of our members attend, including myself, so I hope to see everyone there.

We will be holding a golf outing in the near future. If you are interested in attending please contact Jeff Lauch at 513-604-6833 (lauch.jeffrey7@gmail.com) to obtain the time and further details. The Club will sponsor part of the event so contact Jeff to get signed up. We still are hoping to have a bus trip to the GM Heritage Center in Michigan. COVID-19 still has them shut down but they tell us they will be back soon so details are to follow.

This month's meeting will be held on May 18th at InvizaShield, 24 Whitney Drive, Milford, Ohio 45150. John Wellbrock has graciously invited us to see his business and to demonstrate installation of clear bras for our cars as well as ceramic coatings for the paint. We were there a couple of years ago and were amazed at the work they do.

We are thinking of holding a Chapter Judging Meet in October if all the stars align. How many volunteers can I count on to help? Contact me at twj@fuse.net so that I can get a head count to see if it will be possible to hold this judging meet.

It is official, we now have a new Newsletter Editor of our monthly Side Draft. Bill Hetzer was elected at our last meeting. Please see information about Bill as well as his picture with his 2019 Corvette in this issue. Again, we thank Rod Russell for his 25 years of service to the club.

Terrie James is taking orders for our Club shirts. Information will soon be posted on our web site as well as listed in our monthly newsletter. If you are interested in obtaining a club shirt, with or without your name embroidered underneath the Club logo, please complete the Club Shirt Order Sheet and send with your check made payable to Queen City NCRS to Terrie's attention. If you have questions about placing an order email her at tmjames7329@gmail.com.

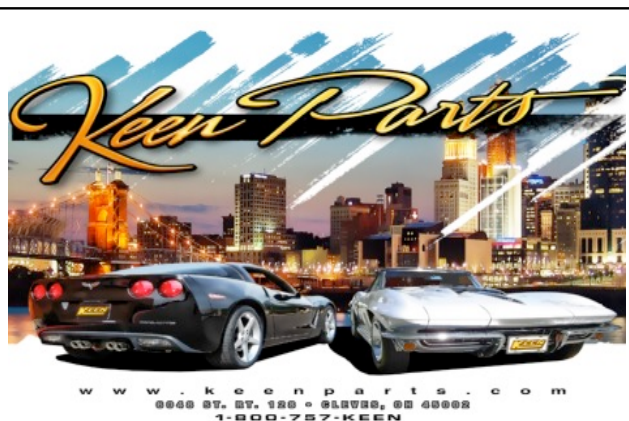
Keep those photographs of your cars coming in. We are starting to get a few to post each month in the newsletter. Send your photos to Terrie James at tmjames7329@gmail.com

Save the Wave.

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

Every mass-produced automobile model on the face of the planet was first built in small quantities as assembly line workers learned assembly details in slow motion. Typically, the first few dozen to 100 units of any new model fall into this "pilot car" category. However, in the case of the 1953 Corvette, because General Motors was working with an unfamiliar medium, fiberglass, the process was magnified. Every one of the 300 Corvette Roadsters built in 1953 at the Van Slyke Avenue plant in Flint, Michigan, was hand assembled, and it can be said that no two were strictly identical. By contrast, the 1954 Corvette assembly plant in St. Louis benefitted from the many lessons gleaned during the six month long pilot run. The same 300 cars that took almost six months to assemble in Flint could be completed in St. Louis in *10 days!*

In an early 1955 issue of *Motor Life* writer Ken Fermoyl wrote of the new 265 V-8 1955 Corvette, "The engine fits so nicely, in fact, that one suspects that the possibility of using a V-8 was considered when the Corvette was designed." Was a V-8 even available in late 1952 when the Corvette concept was taking shape? Yes. When Ed Cole became chief engineer at Chevrolet in 1952, he scuttled a nearly finalized V-8 design, complete with running prototypes. Details are scarce, but the 231-ci V-8 likely had roots in the 1949 Caddy and Olds V-8s and was thus rather heavy for its displacement. The small-block 265-cube "mouse" V-8 that arrived in 1955 was likely a clean-slate restart with few links to the stillborn pre-Cole V-8 design.

Only a decade after the last of 3,172 hostile German V-2 rockets landed during World War II, Chevrolet magazine ads proclaimed the 1955 265-cube small-block as the "V-8 that goes like a V-2". Making reference to the terrifying German A-4 "vengeance weapon" (the root of its V-2 name in popular culture) likely touched a few raw nerves among military veterans, and Europeans, who would have preferred to forget about them.

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

Sponsor

\$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 Ans. on Last Page

1. The die cast aluminum grille featuring horizontal lines appears for the first time in 1973. True or False.
2. Dual heated sport mirrors were optional in 1984. True or False.
3. The 1973 coupe rear window was removable. True or False.
4. In 1974, the hood opened from the front of the Corvette. True or False.
5. When was a black interior made available for the first time? 1954, 1959 or 1962.
6. Only one engine, the 350 cu. in. 190 h.p. was available in 1981. True or False.

COLUMBIA CHEVROLET



April QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

..... Tom Smith

Minutes: Tom Smith, Secretary

Tom JAMES OPENED THE MEETING.

TOM THANKED NOEL GRAY FOR HAVING US, AT OUR SECOND MEETING OF THE YEAR

OUTINGS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

First, we need to decide on what outings we want to have as a club. Jeff has suggested a golf outing.

We also discussed a trip to the GM Heritage center in Detroit. Ideas were passed around and it was decided to have both trips, since the golf outing would be fairly small, but the bus trip will need further planning.

It was decided to have a Chapter Meet in October at Columbia Chevrolet. Tom spoke with Gary Griever and it should be okay by then, but if not, we will need to find a large enough venue to hold it. John Ballard was asked how many cars we should have, and he suggested 20.

The club donated \$1000 to the National NCRS scholarship fund this year.

A motion was suggested that we donate \$100 to the National Convention in California, and the motion was denied.

We need to make sure we have an escape clause in our events per John Ballard.

John Ballard, judging chair, informed us that North Carolina canceled the Hornet's Nest Swap Meet 3 weeks before the deadline, but has offered no refunds of any kind.

Chris Rockenfield, Vice Chairman, reminded everyone of the Mecum Spring event going on next month and offered to give everyone a ride there.

Theresa James, membership chair, informed us that we have 2 new members here tonight, and total membership count is 92. Ralph Robke from Lakeside Park, Kentucky and Ken Bragg have recently joined our Chapter. Please send pictures of the projects you are working on to Terrie so we can post them on the web site.

A discussion about club shirts, and a motion to offer them was passed. Please contact Terrie about polo or t-shirts available.

Newsletter chair Rod Russel has stepped down after 25 years of service, and we all thank him for doing a great job. Bill Hetzer, a Queen City NCRS Chapter member who lives in Texas, will be taking over as newsletter chairman.

Tom Smith, Secretary, introduced Ed Curran from Maineville, Ohio as one of our new members. Ken Bragg also introduced himself as a new member and spoke about his C6. Also, just a reminder that wives are certainly welcome to come to the monthly meetings.

Tom James then introduced Noel Grace and he took the floor. Noel invited everyone to his monthly men's night out on the 29th of April. They have corn hole tournaments, talk about cars, and may even do some counseling. Noel explained that he has been in the car business for many years. He has done drag racing and built some chassis for those cars. He explained that the cars in the shop were sold, clients were coming to pick them up, and drop others off. Noel thanked everyone for coming, and then gave a tour of the shop.

Split the pot was drawn, and Tom James ended the meeting.

Meet the editor

Bill Hetzer is the new editor taking over for Rob after his many years of great service to the club. Bill was born in Argentina and came to the U.S. with his parents when he was six years old. He grew up in Cincinnati and moved to Texas for work. Bill is currently a Security Architect for General Motors working at the IT Innovation Center in Austin. Bill and his wife Barbara own a 1972 Convertible and a 2019 Grand Sport.



April QCNCRS Meeting Photos



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Member Corvettes

Greg Dixon's 1958 Corvette



Bob Unkel's 1973 Corvette

Bob Unkel's 1973 Corvette started life as an 1973 L-82 with M-21 4-speed, Factory air, PS, and PB. When he found the car, it had 13 coats of paint on it in 3 different colors. Major items were not original, so he decided to not modify the basic look of the car but make it more functional because he really likes to drive his car! He spent 4 1/2 years doing a complete nut and bolt bare chassis rebuild. It now has upgraded suspension with Global West Tubular Control Arms, Viking Coil overs in the front and Viking double adjustable shocks in the rear with a modified 9 leaf spring and sway bar. The non-original 350 engine has numerous 'enhancements' to get better performance and the car now has a Tremec 5 speed. The difference in handling and performance is like a totally new car.





CLUB SHIRT SIZING AND PRICING

	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>COST</u>
Port Authority Dry Zone Polo	Navy	S-XL	\$30.00
Port Authority Dry Zone Polo	Black	S-XL	\$30.00
Port Authority Dry Zone Polo	Red	S-XL	\$30.00
Port Authority Dry Zone Polo	White	S-XL	\$30.00
Sport-Tek Dri-Mesh Polo	Navy	S-XL	\$35.00
Sport-Tek Dri-Mesh Polo	Black	S-XL	\$35.00
Sport-Tek Dri-Mesh Polo	Red	S-XL	\$35.00
Sport-Tek Dri-Mesh Polo	White	S-XL	\$35.00
Jerzees Dri Power 50/50 T-Shirt	Navy	S-XL	\$15.00
Jerzees Dri Power 50/50 T-Shirt	Black	S-XL	\$15.00
Jerzees Dri Power 50/50 T-Shirt	Red	S-XL	\$15.00
Jerzees Dri Power 50/50 T-Shirt	White	S-XL	\$15.00

Pricing for oversize shirts:

3XL	+\$ 3.00
4XL	+\$ 4.00

Embroidered Name +\$10.00

SHIPPING COSTS:

Pick up at monthly meeting:	free
Send via US Postal Service:	\$8.00/shirt



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.

Trivia Answers: 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. 1959 6. True