



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Summer is gone and so are the 90° temperatures; our toys do not like the high temperatures for driving around with the top down very much.

Last month our meeting was held at Lecia Calvert's home and play garage. She has a great collection of memorabilia and cars. We thank Lecia for her hospitality and warm welcome.

Our first fall activity is our Club Picnic at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio on September 22, 2019. We will once again have the caravan from the Glendale Train Station leaving at 11:00 AM and arriving at the Horsepower Farm around 12:00 noon. Please bring a covered dish to share. The meat and drinks will be provided by the Club. Drive your classic car to the picnic; there is plenty of parking on concrete so we have something to talk about.

Corvettes at Carlisle was held last month with 10 of our members in attendance.

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September Meeting Info

.... Annual Picnic

Date: Sunday, September 22, 2019

Time: Arrive around 12:00PM

Location: Horsepower Farm Park, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, OH 45044

Phone: 937-477-0450

From I-75: North or South, take exit 32 West, turn left (South) at first light onto Towne Blvd, stay on road until it dead ends into Hendrickson road, turn left (East) on Hendrickson Road and then immediately turn right (South) onto Gideon Dr. and stay on road

Caravan: Leaving Glendale Train Station at 11:00AM

Required: Bring a covered dish.

QCNCRS Website Information

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

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Columbia Chevrolet

Montgomery Road

New Corvette Open House

Tuesday September 17, 2019

1:00 PM-9:00 PM

Refreshments served from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM If you would like to attend they request you make a reservation by contacting Danielle at Columbia Chevrolet at 513-891-7200 or danielle@columbiachev.com so they can plan ahead for food, etc.

Chairman's Message (Cont.)

On Saturday they announced that there was a record crowd which probably came to see the new C8. Chevrolet had a temporary building set up that featured one (1) C8 with a display of how many options are available and what levels of trim, etc. Across the aisle there were eight (8) cars that spectators would sit in. My wife and I visited the tent at 8:00 AM to beat the crowd. We had a 20 minute wait to sit in one of the eight Corvettes we wanted to sit in. Later in the day before leaving we went to see what type of crowd was there and found you could not even get down the aisle where the cars were displayed. The response was very positive from the people who sat in the cars along with how reasonable they thought the pricing was for what type of car you are getting. Nothing in another car line can go 200 mph for a starting price of \$63,000.00.

Columbia Chevrolet will be hosting an open house for the new Corvette on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 1:00 PM-9:00 PM with refreshments being served from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM at their store on Montgomery Road. If you would like to attend they request that you make a reservation by contacting Danielle at Columbia Chevrolet at 513-891-7200 or danielle@columbiachev.com so they can plan ahead for food, etc. This will be a great event to get to know our friends at Columbia Chevrolet and to experience a truly one of a kind car.

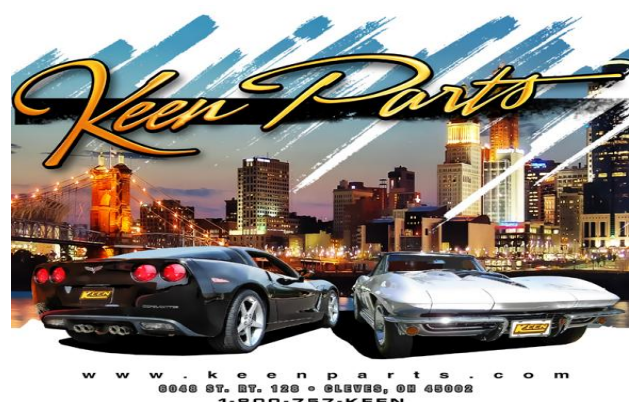
See you at the picnic. Save The Wave.

FUN FACT: Tom James

One of the biggest myths surrounding 6-cylinder motivated Corvettes was their supposed sluggish performance. Magazine road tests of the day prove otherwise. With 150 hp and an agile 3.55:1 rear axle ratio, the 2,850-pound 1953 Corvette turned 0-30 mph in 3.7 seconds, 0-60 mph in 11 seconds, and the quarter mile in 18.0 seconds. These

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FUN FACT (Cont.)

figures beat the contemporary Jaguar XK-120, Porsche 356 coupe, Aston Martin DB2-4 saloon, and Austin Healey 100. The others may have had higher top speeds and better corner-carving capabilities, but in a drag race the Blue Flame 6 Corvettes always came out on top against factory-stock challengers from these competitors.

The 1953 Corvette cylinder head is among the rarest Corvette part in circulation. It was the only head in the Blue Flame 6 engine family with casting number 3836066. Only 300 were installed in cars (plus perhaps two dozen service replacement parts for warranty coverage), and it was not shared with any other passenger-car or pick-up truck application. Tricksters have come up with epoxy-enhanced cheater heads, but the revised digits are not magnetic. General Motors changed the casting number to 3836241 in 1954, so there is no relief there.

Looking on the bright side, at least the Corvette's inline 6 only takes one of these hen's teeth head castings.

August Meeting Minutes

..... **Tom Smith**

**August 20, 2019 QCNCRS meeting
Lecia Calvert's home at 1237 Cook Rd
Lebanon Ohio**

Tom James Chairman opened the meeting by thanking Lecia for allowing us to have our August meeting at her home. Tom talked

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August Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

about our last meeting at Hot Rod Restoration; it is impressive how much work Noel and his one employee can get done. They had 4 chassis, and 8 bodies, and a ZO1, and ZO6 motor. There was a 1954 Buick convertible that they had chopped, to fit it on a Corvette frame.

This week is Corvettes at Carlisle, in Pennsylvania. Tom will be at booth IA5 and 6, so stop on by. We have our picnic coming up on September 22, 2019. We will have a drive in the morning from Glendale Train Station, to

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August Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Horsepower Park. It will be a nice drive, and we need as many cars as possible to obtain our top flight award for this year.

Tom James spoke to Gary Griever and the new 2020 Corvettes will be at Columbia Chevrolet on Wednesday September 17th. Please stop by and test drive one of the new cars.

We still have shirts available from the regional, and the price for them is marked down. The regional has very positive feedback; Bill Hester was offered a job by the NCRS for his work at our banquet.

Wayne McKee, Treasurer, gave the financial report for August, and was accepted.

Judge Joe Eyle informed everyone we got our top flight award for 2018, and we have 2 banners they can go on. Joe asked everyone if they would write a tech article. We need about 4 of them. Also we need people to drive their corvettes to meetings, and swap meets. The more people in the club, the more Corvettes need to be driven. We also need to advertise our club at more events, and need people to come and help. We need members to talk to any interested party who may join, hand out flyers, and just talk about the benefits of being a member. See Joe for a list of events.

Tom James asked any member to step up and take Wayne's place as Treasurer. Invest in the club, it's just balancing a checkbook.

John Ballard judging chair asked if we wanted to have a Chapter meet this fall. Probably the third week in October. We could just judge 2 cars.

Mike Treece is looking for judges for the September 14th Heart of Ohio chapter meet. John is also getting a lot of compliments about the regional we held this spring.

Tom Smith, Secretary, brought up the question again of someone taking Wayne's

place as treasurer. Tom James again asked someone to take Wayne's place.

Dale Maris, Web Master, wants to put more pictures on our web site.

Terry James, Membership Chair, reported we gained another new member. We are getting very close to the 100 member mark. One of our new members was very thankful for the help he received about his Corvette. He drove 3.5 hours to join.

John Ballard informed everyone that the board is looking at a couple of issues. One about the manuals, and the second about not getting taxed.

Then Lecia Calvert gave an explanation of the memorabilia and cars she and Tom collected over years. There was a lot of applause, and thanks to Lecia.

Carlisle 2019

..... **Gerry Hilbert**



Carlisle 2019 (Cont.)



Deception ... A Factory Hot Rod

..... Gary Myers / Rod Russell



A few weeks after our tour and very informative meeting at Noel Grace's Factory Hot Rods shop I attended and judged at a local car show sponsored by the Columbus

Indiana Corvette Club ... a group in existence since 1976.

At the show was an amazing Resto Mod created by Noel Grace. The creation was named "Deception". Obviously, as you can see by the four trophies, everyone felt it was an outstanding vehicle.

The owner, Gary Myers told me this was the second Corvette Resto Mod he had Noel build for him. The first was mostly what Noel thought should be done ... and was insanely fast. "Deception", this car, was more than 90% Gary's ideas. Gary wanted a car built around his dreams and imagination.



About two years ago Gary talked to Noel about what he wanted to create. Noel went searching and found a 1965 Corvette with a wrecked front end. He added a 1958 front body clip. Gary has extensive pictures of the construction. One big part was making the front clip fit and getting a cove built into the doors. They used the 1965 frame.



Deception (Cont.)



The modifications are too extensive for a short newsletter article, but here are a few to give you an idea how well this Resto Mod is based. An LS-3 GM crate 430 hp engine, Shark Bite suspension, Tremec Magnum 6-speed transmission, offset control arms front and rear HDS ABS electric over hydraulic power brakes ... etc., etc.

The color on this creation is amazing ... it is a Maserati color that Gary saw while attending a car show in Colorado.

The interior has the same meticulous planning involved as the rest of "Deception". Notice the gauge color in the following picture. It is Ferrari yellow.



Bruce Bursten's 1957 Corvette

..... American Tri-Five April/May 2019



When Bruce first found this car it was a basket case. The car was an old gasser completely stripped and in red oxide primer. And it came with a bunch of extra parts.

The car had originally been a red, fuelie, 4 speed with a red interior.



Bruce assumed the extra parts were just a few items, not 5 truckloads of OE parts, NOS parts and a treasure trove of old speed equipment parts. Bruce was amazed what was before him, but had to go back two more times before buying the basket case. Bruce's wife Joyce pushed him over the edge, "Don't be stupid, pay him what he wants ... this is a great project."

Bursten's 57 Corvette (Cont.)



Over the next two and a half years Bruce, with a lot of help from his wife and friends, brought the gasser back to life.



During the build Bruce gives much deserved credit to his wife for not only convincing him to buy the project car, but also for helping finish it. Joyce wired most of the car including the engine harness and under the dash.

This awesome time machine has been at the Danchuk Tri-Five Nationals in 2017 and 2018. In 2018 Bruce's son, who at 45 years old had never been down a drag strip, took Dad's Vette on three separate fun runs.

I think that most who have read this story would agree, when Bruce received the fateful call about this Vette in 2013, he really hit the jackpot.

August 2019 QCNCRS Meeting

..... Joe Eyl



August Meeting (Cont.)





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