



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Happy New Year to all! After a great year coming off of our Regional and all of our other events, this year will be just as eventful.

Starting off, on March 15th our annual swap meet will be held at Columbia Chevrolet. Gary Grever has gotten a jump on selling tickets for the raffle. To date he is almost at \$1,000.00. Our members are just getting started, but I know they will catch up as they always do. Please take and sell \$50.00 worth of tickets. If all 99 members did this we would blow away every record we have had. So come on guys and gals, let's make this our biggest year yet!

Well that brings me to another topic. Last year we started our membership at 72 paid members. Through the year we attracted 27 new members. Wow! Almost a 40% increase. We have a goal to increase the membership this year to 120. That's only a 20% increase over last year so if you have a friend who might be interested, invite him/her to come to a meeting to see what we are all

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January Meeting Info

.... Columbia Chevrolet

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Columbia Chevrolet

Phone: 513-891-3905

From I-275: Take I-275 North to exit 50 Montgomery / Morrow Exit (US 22W / OH 3 South) Go south on Montgomery Road / US 22W / OH 3 South for approx. 2.1 miles.

Food: Sandwiches and soft drinks for everyone.

Features: Gary Grever always makes our visit to Columbia Chevrolet a terrific experience. Come and see what he has in store and also the terrific deals he is offering.

Discussions: Our upcoming Swap Meet on Sunday, March 15, 2020

Website: www.columbiachev.com

QCNCRS Website Information

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

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.)

about. You'll be glad you did.

Lastly on our membership side, we would appreciate everyone paying their \$20.00 Chapter Membership Dues by the end of January. With all we have going on we would like to finish this early so we can concentrate on the swap meet.

Once again our charity is still the Cincinnati Shriner's Hospital for Children. We need items to auction off for our silent auction. These items can be restaurant gift certificates or anything you think someone would bid on. Last year we even had an engine block and promo models. Remember, all proceeds from this auction go directly to the charity, so please help us break last year's total of \$2600.00.

This month's meeting will be held on January 21st at Columbia Chevrolet. Come and see what Gary and Dave have in store for us...always new Corvettes to see.

Save The Wave.

Tom

FUN FACTS

..... ***Tom James***

Because GM's go-to body supplier (Fisher Body) had no experience with fiberglass construction, Chevrolet went to the Molded Fiberglass Company (MFG) of Ashtabula, Ohio, for the Corvette project. Not surprisingly, MFG was already working with the Kaiser-Frasier auto company on its fiberglass-bodied Darrin 161 sport-car project. MFG supplied Kaiser with 10 of the 13 major fiberglass parts used in each body. A minuscule competitor in the grand scheme of things, General Motors allowed MFG to fulfill its obligations to the Kaiser Darrin program while simultaneously supplying bodies for the new Corvette.

In a move reminiscent of Henry Ford's plastic-

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bodied Ford test car from the previous decade, Chevrolet build a fiberglass-bodied Bel Air convertible in 1952. However, although Ford's body relied on soybean-sourced material, the Chevrolet was made of more traditional glass-fiber matting and resin. Neither vehicle proposal made it to the showroom floor.

One unfortunate side effect of Corvette's fiberglass-body construction was a lack of occupant protection from exploding flywheel and clutch assemblies. The stock cast-aluminum clutch housing was not capable of containing failed cast-iron flywheels at the elevated RPM levels sometimes achieved after hot rodding. Many a drag racer suffered foot and leg injuries due to the burst trajectory of flying shrapnel passing through the fiberglass firewall and floor pan. Fortunately, this hazard didn't affect the automatic-only 1953-1955 models (excepting approximately 75 1955 V-8 cars equipped with the new 3-speed manual transmission.)

December Minutes

..... Tom Smith

We had a Christmas Party at Aston Oaks Golf Club ... and it was a great one.

Pictures that are following this brief note will explain everything.

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\$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.

Skillman's Judging School

..... Terrie James

February 8th a Judging School will be held at Ray Skillman Classic Cars. We will be holding the Judging School at Skillman Classic Cars, in Greenwood, IN. Ray has a fabulous facility with a tremendous collection of classic cars, race cars, neon signs, motor cycles and a full-size carousel that has recently been completely restored. His collection also includes quite a few Corvettes from 1954 to the 2000's. We plan on picking out a couple we can put on lifts for the Judging School. We will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served

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Judging School (Cont.)

about noon. Judging School will follow lunch. There will be plenty of time before lunch and after the Judging School to look over the beautiful collection Ray Skillman has on display. The \$10 registration fee will be donated to Ray Skillman's favorite charity in appreciation for hosting this event. Ray's Classic Car Collection is just behind his Ford dealership at: 1280 Apryl Dr., Greenwood, IN 46143. See Map for details:

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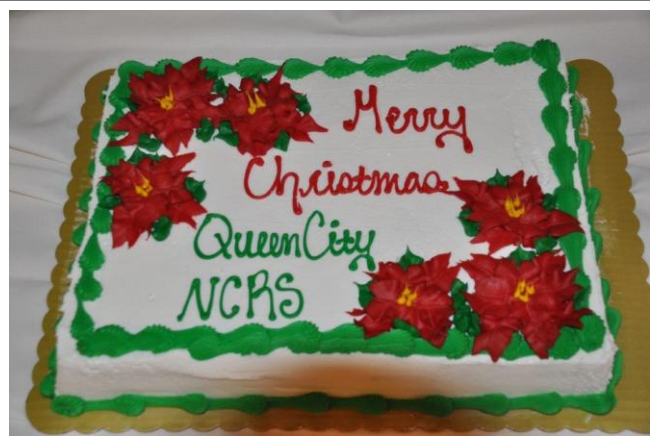
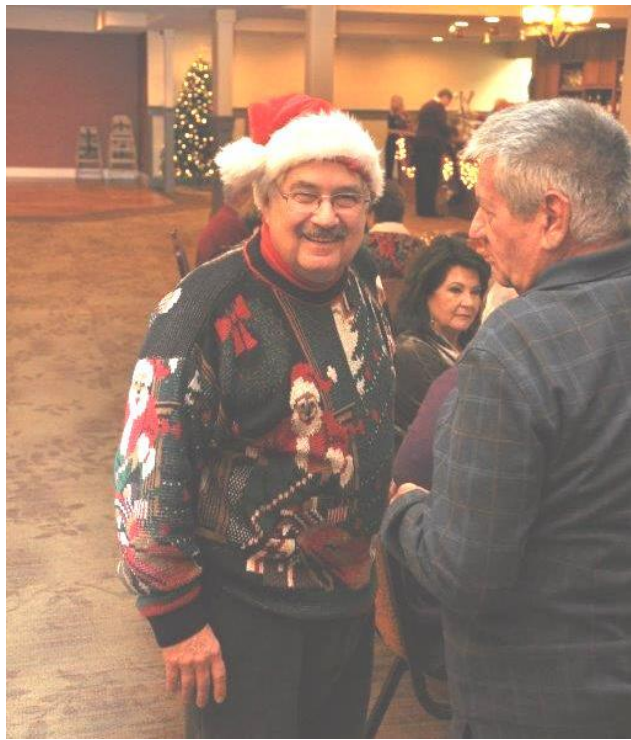
Park in the fenced area north of the building if possible.

QCNCRS Christmas Party

..... Joe Eyl, Bill Hetzer, Gerry Hilbert



QCNCRS Christmas (Cont.)



The picture above is Jeff Lauch presenting Dale Maris with a very special award that commemorates a fun activity they participated in together. It is the MFPWS (Mechanical Fuel Pump Wrestling Society) award. The truth is, Jeff was very, very impressed when he discovered the true nature of the selfless help QCNCRS give to each other. Dale also helped Jeff with his leaking Holley carburetor.

QCNCRS Christmas (Cont.)



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QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2019 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00



First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

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Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

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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.

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