



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Well, it's March already so let the madness begin. This month starts with our Annual Swap Meet at Columbia Chevrolet on March 15th. We had a planning meeting last month to discuss who and what details need to be finalized. This planning session was well attended. Honestly, we have done this so many times most all of the pieces of the puzzle seem to fall right into place. We need volunteers for the food booth to relieve some of the ladies. If you would like to help in this fashion, please contact Barb Hilbert at g.hilbert@zoomtown.com or 513-738-1493. The registration desk needs help in directing people to their swap spaces for about two (2) hours on Sunday morning from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM. To help in this regard please contact Dale Maris at maris.dale@gmail.com or 513-373-9299. Gate admission needs help from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM. To assist in this area please contact Richard Parsons at richcolpar@aol.com or 513-771-7461. There will be a setup day on Saturday, March 14th from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Gary Grever and

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March Meeting Info

.... Keen Parts

Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Keen Parts, Inc., 6048 State Route 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

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.)

his staff need drivers to move cars to a storage lot down the street in order to make room for our event. Please help out your Club on these two important days. We need you!!!!

If you have sold raffle tickets, please turn them in so we can see how we stand for the raffle. Ticket sales are off but there is still time to sell them to those friends whom you have supported many times in the past.

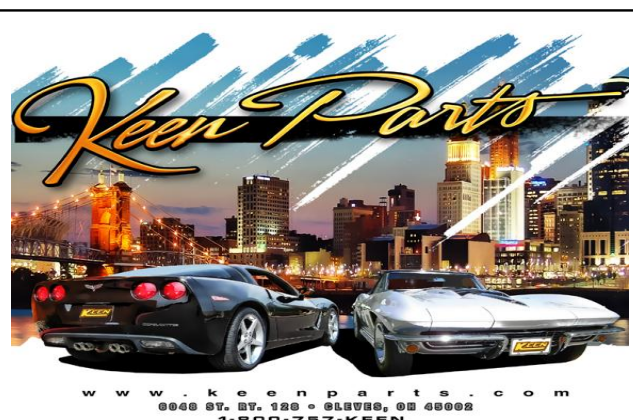
Last month our meeting was at Trim Parts in Lebanon, Ohio. Joe Kerick and his staff were very accommodating for our group. We were treated to a behind the scene tour of how Trim Parts makes those great restoration parts so many of us have used on our cars and trucks. We thank Joe and Terri for staying after hours to make our meeting there a success. At that meeting we welcomed a new member, George Denman. He is getting ready to have his '73 convertible judged NCRS then on to Bloomington Gold this summer. We all wish George the best of luck. George, if you need help before you Go For The Gold, let us know as many of our members will be glad to assist you.

Another topic that was covered at the last meeting was our attempt to schedule a bus tour to the GM Tech Center as well as a trip to the Corvette Plant and Museum. After further investigation the Tech Center does not offer a guided tour. They give an overall synopsis of what is there and you can view it at your own pace. They have about 110 cars on-site. I am not sure it is worth a 4 ½ hour bus ride each way for that many cars. If we could find another venue that is close to add to this trip it will make it worthwhile. Let me know your thoughts on this. The other bus trip to the Corvette Plant and Museum is currently on hold until they reopen the plant for tours. Details are to follow.

On to more news, our Region II representative has been removed. John

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Chairman's Message (Cont.)

Perrette has been replaced with our own Shannon Urton. I congratulate Shannon on her appointment as the Region II Rep and look forward to working with her to make a better NCRS organization. Congrats Shannon!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) at 6:30 PM at Keen Parts, 6048 State Route 128, Cleves, Ohio 45002.

Save The Wave Tom

FUN FACTS

..... *Tom James*

The largest one-piece fiberglass panel in Corvette's makeup was the floor pan. It weighed 75 pounds and measured 9.5 x 6.0 x 2.0 feet. Combining the base of the firewall, transmission tunnel, passenger foot well and seat platforms, rear-wheel houses, spare tire well, and trunk floor into one piece, this huge part was also the last component to transition from the hand-lay technique to the use of matched-metal dies. 1954 Corvettes built between December 28, 1953 (first day of production), and early July 1954 received the handmade pan.

Period photographs show MFG employees at the Ashtabula, Ohio, plant working up various exterior body panels on huge-15-foot tall rotating platforms. The male sides of the body-panel molds were rendered in fine meshed screen that allowed suction to be

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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.

Fun Facts (Cont.)

drawn through the surface. Chopped fiberglass bits mixed with resin were blown under pressure onto the rotating screen mold for even coverage. The resulting fuzzy-textured panel was then boxed inside an oven and finely woven fiberglass matting was applied, along with more liquid resin. Then the panel was placed between the metal dies (steam heated to 220 degrees F) and compressed at 120 psi. The cured panel emerged 7 minutes later, ready for trimming. The method used on all 1953 bodies required 24 hours for curing.

**COLUMBIA
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Fun Facts (Cont.)

Subjected to rough handling by service-station attendants and under constant attack from gasoline fumes, the Corvette's hinged fuel-fill door was one of the very few body parts not made of fiberglass. It was a conventional steel stamping painted to match the body.

Trim Parts 2/18/20 Meeting

..... **Tom Smith**

Tom James, Chairman, welcomed everyone to Trim Parts in Lebanon, Ohio, and thanked Joe and his staff for having all of us. Tom started by talking about the raffle tickets, and that we were behind in sales to date around \$800. Please remember this event is for a good cause, plus it is our only fund raiser of the year.

Tom then went on to welcome our newest member George Denman.

We are going to be at Bloomington Gold this year in a suite, so please feel free to stop in and see all the nice cars.

Steve Barrett took the floor and informed us that the Concours d'Elegance is looking for car clubs to help out, and possibly start a month newsletter.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, presented January's financial report and it was passed.

Tom Smith, Secretary, mentioned that Heart of Ohio is holding its chapter meet April 18th in Marysville OH, and they need judges. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Mike Treece reported that the Indiana chapter will be having their Chapter judging meet May 1st and 2nd on the west side of Fort Wayne, at Larry Gary's house. He has 176 cars in his collection. All are welcome to come and judge. That is a Friday, and Saturday, so sign up.

Dale Maris web master had nothing new to report. Dale and Tom James reported that

we have had 150 people in the last 10 days check out our web site. We are up to 9250 in hits, good job guys. We are considering selling advertising space on our web site.

Theresa James membership chair, welcomed our new member George Denman, and reminded everyone to ask anyone you know if they would be interested in becoming a new member.

Split the pot was drawn, and Jerry Hilbert was the winner.

Tom James thanked everyone for coming, and introduced Joe Kerick, manager of Trim Parts, and invited everyone to go on a tour of the facility. Joe thanked everyone for coming, and introduced Tom Keen, from Keen Auto Parts who purchases items locally at Trim Parts.

Tom James adjourned the meeting.

Technical Articles Needed

..... **Gerry Hilbert**

Technical articles needed to publish in the Side Draft and for Dale to put on the Web Site? These articles are needed for us to meet NCRS Top Flight chapter requirements.

Thanks
Jerry

QCNCRS Swap Meet: 3/15/2020

..... **Dale Maris**

The Queen City NCRS Club is hosting its annual **Indoor Swap Meet and Car Expo** on March 15, 2020, at Columbia Chevrolet located at 9750 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

We will be indoors at the Columbia Chevrolet Dealership. It starts at 8 am until 2 pm on March 15th. Vendors can set up on Saturday from 2 until 5 pm.

To register a Swap Space: Tom James at 513-377-8182 or tmjames@fuse.net

2020 Miami Valley Chapter Judging Meet Notice

..... **Terry Brim, Judging Chairman**
Miami Valley Chapter

The Miami Valley Chapter 2020 Judging Meet will be held on 9 May 2020 at Voss Chevrolet Collision Center located at 100 Loop Road Centerville, Ohio 45459

For more information, contact our Judging Chair Mr Terry Brim at tabrim@gmail.com phone at 937 760-3554 (c)

We are in need of judges for our 9 May chapter judging meet. Experienced and inexperienced judges wanted. If you haven't judged before we will train you. The best way to start is to jump in with both feet. We are expecting upwards of 6 cars for our meet and will not be able to accept all of them unless we have enough judges. We encourage you to register at your earliest convenience so that we don't have to turn down any cars for judging. Payment can be made at a later date, we just need a head count for judges before we accept more cars for flight or concours judging.

If you have little or no judging experience let us know as we can set up a judging school for those that want it.

QCNCRS Tech Session

..... **Terrie James**

A tech session will be held on Saturday, March 28 2020 at 10am at Infiniti of Cincinnati, 9857 Kings Auto Mall Road, Cincinnati Ohio 45249. The subject of the session will be C3 trailing arm bearing replacement. All members Queen City NCRC Members are invited to attend. Please contact Tom Smith at tmsinfiniti@yahoo.com for more details.

Trim Parts Meeting 2/18/2020

..... **Gerry Hilbert, Terrie James**



Trim Parts Meeting (Cont.)



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QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2019 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00



First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

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.

Questions, please call Terrie James at 513-941-6909 or email at tmjames7329@gmail.com.