



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message

..... Tom James

Here we are in April and getting closer to the return of car shows and cruise-ins.

Last month our Chapter meeting was held at my garage in Cleves with 32 people in attendance. A good time was had by all.

George Denman brought up the topic of a charity car show which he helps with, the Knights of Columbus Classic Exotic Car and Truck Show. This event will take place at St. Susanna in Mason, Ohio on June 5th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM with all proceeds benefiting the St. Joseph Home. We have enclosed the flier in order to help promote this worthy cause.

This month's meeting will be moved to the third Monday, April 19th, at 6:30 PM as I will be out of town on the third Tuesday. The meeting will be held at Noel Grace's Factory Hot Rods, 4884 Duff, West Chester, Ohio. I am sure that Noel will have something exciting to show us with his one-of-a-kind builds.

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April Meeting Information

April Meeting: 4/19/21

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Noel Grace Factory Hot Rods
4884 Duff, Suite F
West Chester, Ohio 45246

Phone: 513-266-2545

Website: factoryhotrods.net

Email: vettes4you@aol.com

Directions: Take I-275 to Exit 42B
Merge onto Princeton Pike/OH-747
Turn right on Duff Drive
Turn left on Duff Court
Enter the complex and drive to the end.

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

I received an email from Rod Russell this week stating that effective immediately he will be stepping down as our Newsletter Editor. I would like to thank Rod for his many years of tireless efforts in taking our Chapter one step further to make ours better than any other. That being said, we need someone to step up to the plate and assume the duties of the Newsletter Editor. This position requires computer skills; however, it is not a very taxing nor time consuming job. Please contact me at twj@fuse.net as soon as possible if you interested in this position as we need to fill it promptly.

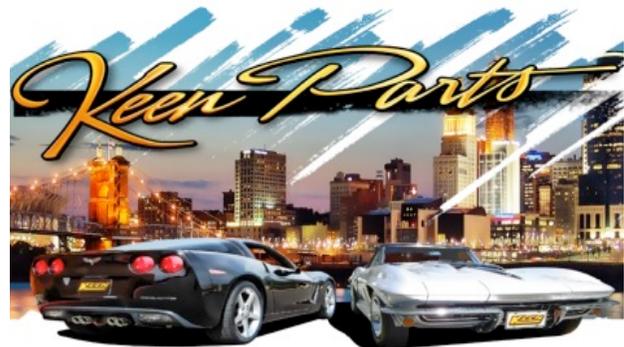
I am feeling a little under the weather this evening so I am going to end this message early. Stay Safe. Stay Healthy.

Save the Wave.

Tom

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Fun Facts Tom James

Although the bodies they carried different dramatically, the frames underneath the Corvettes were almost the same from 1953 to 1962. The 11 body-mount locations, suspension geometry, and general characteristics remained unchanged. The most note-worthy change came in 1955 when the passenger-side frame horn received a stamped notch to clear the V-8's protruding mechanical fuel pump.

You had to stop and look for it, but the Corvette's 58.8-inch rear track width was almost 2 inches wider than the 57.0-inch front measurement. This seeming mismatch is actually common throughout the automotive world and exists to allow front-tire-to-body clearance at full steering lock. Remember, the rear axles doesn't steer.

Although Corvette suspensions were historically more advanced than those installed on Chevrolet passenger-car models, in 1955 Chevrolet elected to retain the compromised kingpin style front suspension rather than upgrade to the more advanced ball-joint front suspension fitted to the all-new 1955-on passenger cars. It was one of the few times Corvette technology lagged behind.

The kingpin/ball-joint controversy centers on the union between the A-arms and front-wheel spindles. Ball joints have swiveling studs with far greater range of motion than kingpins. This was at the core of Corvette's compromised front-suspension geometry through the 1962 model run. It is noteworthy that General Motors declined to invest in a ball-joint upgrade for Corvette despite the fact that 1955-on passenger-car parts could have easily been adapted.

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. In 1984 Corvettes, the battery is located behind the driver's seat or under the hood.
2. What was the first year for transistorized ignition systems? 1957, 1964 or 1969.
3. In 1968, the disappearing headlights were electric or vacuum.
4. Did 1954 Corvettes have Plexiglas headlight covers or wire stone guards over the headlights?
5. What was the first year for an orange Corvette? 1959, 1969 or 1979.
6. What years was Panama yellow offered as an exterior color? 1955, 1958 or 1966.

**COLUMBIA
CHEVROLET**



March QCNCRS Meeting Minutes Tom Smith

Minutes: Tom Smith, Secretary

Tom James chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them. The meeting was preceded with food from Skyline.

Tom informed everyone that the main point of this meeting was to let people know that a lot of events have been canceled due to COVID-19, including our swap meet for the second year, but we needed to get together and discuss what the membership was doing, and plan for the future. Encourage everyone to start looking toward 2022 for the next swap meet.

The NCRS is very low on donations for the scholarship fund, so the QCNCRS has donated \$1000 dollars which again makes us one of the largest contributors for the last 6 years.

Carlisle is going to open up this year so get ready for that. Tom asked Dale to find out what events are going on this year, and if we could put it on our web site.

We are one of only a handful of chapters that are having meeting in person and not through zoom. Hopefully in July things will start going back to normal. There was trouble with the Nationals website when it came to having people sign up for membership at the chapter level. Please get with Terrie if you are having a concern.

Steve Barrett reminded everyone that "Cars and Coffee" is going on at a couple of different areas. Jerry Hilbert reminded everybody that the Chapter Level Top Flight has been canceled for 2021.

Tom James brought up a few things we need to go over, such as whether we want to have a chapter meet in October. Also, a motion was passed to have a picnic at Horsepower Farm in September. The bus trip was brought again, and the chapter is going to look into the feasibility of putting it on with the factory in Bowling Green, or the Heritage Center in Detroit.

April's meeting will be held on Monday, April 19th, instead of Tuesday, per Tom James.

Terrie James, Membership Chairman, let us know we have a new member at this meeting, David Pottmeyer, and Ed Curran joined this month as well. She informed us that we currently have 91 members; we lost 6 but gained 2 since the beginning of the year.

Barb Hilbert treasurer went over the financials for the last 2 months, and a motion was passed to accept them.

Some ideas were put out about for a trip to the Mecum auction in Indianapolis.

Rod Russell newsletter editor asked if everyone could send in pictures of the projects they are working on, we are tired of seeing Tom's Chevelle.

Chris Rockenfield, co-chair, thanked everyone for coming and our appreciation to Tom and Terrie for having this meeting.

Chris B asked everyone to take a picture of their car and send it to Terrie so we can put a car with that face.

Split the pot was drawn and the meeting was adjourned.

**March QCNCRS Meeting
Photos**

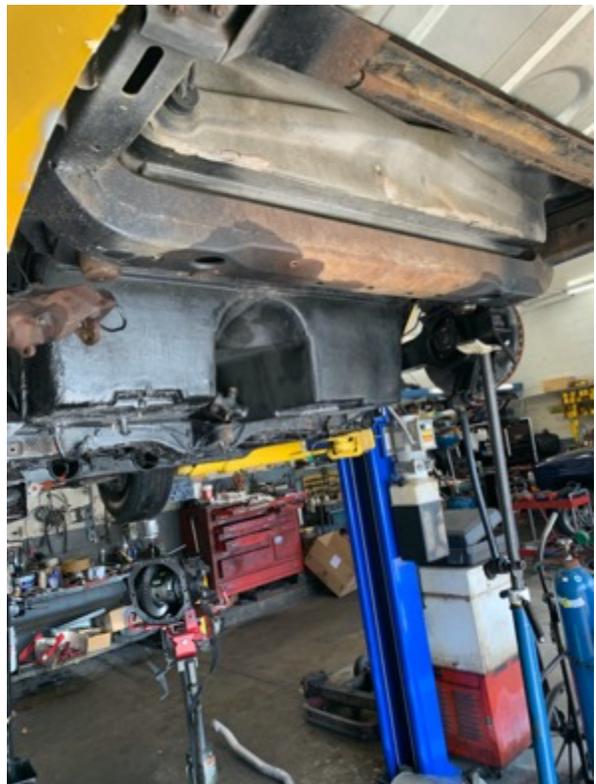


**George Denman's 1973 Rear
End Restoration Project**

George is completely rebuilding the rear suspension. All new trailing arm assemblies, rotors, leaf springs, bearings, bushings, shocks etc. George says 'Thank you Keen Parts!'



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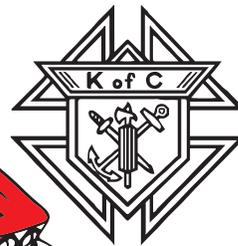


Fifth Annual • St. Susanna

Knights of Columbus Classic Exotic Car & Truck Show

Saturday June 5th
8:30AM – 3:00PM

**ST. SUSANNA MEYER
CENTER PARKING LOT**
500 Reading Road,
Mason, OH 45040



Cost of Entry - \$15.00

All participants get a free collector dash plaque!

- Split the pot
- DJ and live music entertainment
- Food and drinks available for sale and great covered area for eating
- Indoor bathrooms
- Over \$1000 in Raffle and door prizes

8:30- Noon: Registration for show vehicles

Noon to 2:30: Judging of cars

3:00: Award presentations with Custom designed Top 30 trophies including Show 'n Shine plaque and Car Club trophies



All proceeds to fund donation
to the St. Joseph Home.
Over \$20,000 donated to date.

Questions? Call George Denman 513-939-9022



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. Under the hood 2. 1964 3. Vacuum 4. Wire stone guards 5. 1969 6. 1958