



# *The Side Draft*

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## ***Chairman's Message***

**..... Tom James**

March is here already, and it is almost show time. The weather looks to be giving us an early spring, so car show season is starting soon. I hope all of our members have their rides ready to cruise; it is going to be a great year.

First off, our annual swap meet and raffle is in full swing. Swap spaces are almost gone with about 10 left and less than three (3) weeks to go. If you need space, don't delay. Contact me to reserve space now so you are not left out.

Our last meeting at Trim Parts (RPUI) was well attended. We discussed the staffing situation for the swap meet and finalized some details on how we will handle shifts on manning the doors and food prep. I am glad to report that the membership has stepped up to volunteer so everyone will have a chance to enjoy the swap also.

If you have sold tickets, we need them and the money ASAP to get a total on where we are raffle-wise. As of now we stand at \$2,400.00 in total sales. We give away \$1,950.00 so we have less than \$400 to donate to the

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## ***March Meeting Information***

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Tomcat Classics & Street Roads  
101 Stubbs Mill Road  
Lebanon, Ohio 45036

**Website:** <https://TomCatClassics.com>

**Phone:** 513-827-0120

**Please remember to bring a chair.**

## ***QCNCRS Website Information***

<https://qc.ncrs.org/>

**Webmaster:** George Denman [gc@ncrs.org](mailto:gc@ncrs.org)

## ***NOTICE!***

### ***Newsletter Deadlines***

**The deadline for getting information, into the newsletter is the 2nd of each month. If it isn't here, we will publish without you.**

Shriners after the ticket printing cost. The day of the swap meet we will push tickets to the attendees as well as have the split-the-pot walk around but we have got our work cut out for us in the next three (3) weeks.

On a serious note, we lost one of our members in December. Bob Menkhaus passed away suddenly. Our condolences to Bob's friends and family.

Our meeting at Trim Parts was informative. Their parent company, RPUI, now is making the interior seat foam in their plant in Lebanon, Ohio. Only a few places in the country have the ability to produce foam for automotive applications. This new plant should help eliminate the backlog of seat material for the restoration hobby. I personally have been waiting for five (5) months for seat foam for my Chevelle restoration with the company telling me that it will be at least another four (4) to five (5) months before I will see mine. We thank Kyle and his staff for the behind-the-scenes tour of the making of the trim and accessories that an average customer would not get to experience. As a side note, I needed a trunk emblem for my Chevelle which I ordered from a competitor of theirs. Kyle was kind enough to sell me one the evening of our meeting which they do not usually do. I am happy to say the emblem fit perfectly while the competitor's emblem was not close to fitting the original holes. Made In The USA strikes again.

Lastly, I would like to give a shout out to Tom Keen at Keen Parts. Tom has graciously agreed to sponsor our club for another year. Businesses like Tom's deserve our support so when your Corvette needs a rise, call Keen's at 513-353-3449 for all of your accessories and parts.

Next month's meeting will be held the Tuesday after our swap meet, March 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Tomcat Classics & Street Rods, 101 Stubbs Mills Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

See you all at the swap meet on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Kelsey Chevrolet.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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## **Fun Facts ..... Tom James**

The “art” of Corvette customizing really took root with the shark family. As with most forms of self-expression, appreciation is subjective and Corvette customizers often pushed the boundaries of taste. One of the most high-profile and criticized Corvette customs co-starred with actors Mark Hamill and Annie Potts in the 1978 feature film *Corvette Summer*. Dick Korkes, proprietor of Korky’s Kustom Studios in North Hollywood, California, built two 1973 Corvettes for shooting that were packed with an overdose of customizing cliches including chromed side pipes, exaggerated spoilers, wheel flares, hood scoops, gaudy red paint, and swirling flame graphics.

A key detail added to the *Corvette Summer* movie cars by Korky’s Kustom Studios was right-hand drive. The change had nothing to do with preparing the cars for any sort of export to England or Australia, rather it was part of the movie plot and allowed Mark Hamill’s character, Kenny Dantley, easier access to babes on the sidewalk. The conversion simplified Dantley’s ability to pull up to the curb and chat with the ladies, a great help indeed for the virile high school kid looking for love.

## **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. A perimeter “bump” strip was added to the exterior of the body in 1954, 1962, or 1984?
2. Two different hood designs were introduced in 1965. True or False.
3. The illuminated visor vanity mirror became available in 1979 Corvettes. True or False.
4. What was the first year the base price went over \$15,000? 1980, 1981 or 1983.
5. A genuine teakwood steering wheel was an option on 1965 Corvettes. True or False.
6. Door panels became one-piece molded units in 1960, 1965, or 1968.



## **February QCNCRS Meeting Minutes**

..... Tom Smith

Trim Parts  
February 21, 2023

Tom James welcomed everyone to Trim Parts, or now what is RPUI and thanked them for having us. We have a lot to go over tonight so let us get started.

Tom asked if we have enough volunteers for the doors. If you have not already signed up, please do so since we will need to give volunteers a break. Barb and the other ladies will help with the food. Keith and Kenn are the grill masters.

Swap meet ticket sales are currently at \$2100. We need more sales, so go out and ask your neighbors and friends. Gary Grever used to sell \$1500 worth of tickets that day and we need to recoup this revenue.

Terrie contacted Cumulus radio to air a public service announcement and some of our membership has heard it. As well, Terrie has contacted Eagle Radio in Lawrenceburg and our event information has been posted on their website.

Split the pot used to bring in another source of revenue for the Shriners. Gary and the girls sold a lot of split the pot tickets. Chris will see if he can get in contact with the one who would be interested in volunteering for the split the pot ticket sales. Another area we will miss sales on is the silent auction. If anyone has any idea please let Tom know.

Tom continued on with the swap spaces report, currently we have 37 spaces sold, and have 12 left. Kelsey's one building is 15 spaces smaller than at Columbia. Kelsey offered another building, but it is separate from main facility. The door crowd should be good this year. Tom talked to the people who put on the car show that sponsor the ALS foundation in Lawrenceburg. They said it is not uncommon to have from 900 to 1,000 cars enter their event. Tom wanted to know if we should have them come and put a show on separately during the swap meet, and most people said no. It would be hard to keep track of everyone.

## **February QCNCRS Meeting Minutes**

..... Tom Smith - continued

This year we are taking money at 7AM until close. Most people who have purchased spaces come in at 7AM, but some people will try to slip in. If they do not have a space purchased, we are to have them pay. The door fee is \$5 for adults, and the event runs 8AM till 2 or 3PM. We will be in the main service department and shop. The event and people attending should be covered under the NCRS blanket.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, gave the monthly financial report and a motion was passed to accept it.

Chris Rockenfield, Vice Chairman, took the floor and mentioned that he was ready to have another tech session at his garage. He asked Joe Eyl, tech chairman, if he has anything planned yet? Joe said he is waiting until after the Swap Meet and has a couple of ideas for this summer.

Tom Smith, Secretary, asked how many members are in the NCRS currently. He was informed it is 11,700 members and is dropping about 3% each year.

Tom James spoke to the new regional representative for our region. He is from Canada.

Split the pot was drawn and Tom James turned the meeting over Todd from Trim Parts for the tour of the facility. Todd from Trim Parts said that the business was going strong, and thanked everyone for coming, then proceeded to give the tour.

The meeting was adjourned.

# INDOOR SWAP MEET AND CAR EXPO

## WHEN:

Sunday, March 19, 2023  
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## WHERE:

Kelsey Chevrolet  
1105 E. Eads Parkway  
Greendale, IN 47025

**GATE ADMISSION \$5.00**

Proudly donating over  
\$68,000 from this event to:



## HOSTED BY:

Queen City Chapter  
Of The National Corvette  
Restorers Society

## WHAT TO KNOW:

- Swap spaces sold out the last 12 years!
- Many classic GM parts.
- Car corral, food, bid-and-buy; all on-site at this event.

## COME VEND WITH US:

\$25.00 FOR 100 sq/ft  
space but you must  
register in advance.

## HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration form on the  
reverse side.

Call Tom James at 513-  
377-8182 for more  
information.

E-mail completed forms:

[tmjames@fuse.net](mailto:tmjames@fuse.net)

Vending Space(s) [100 sq ft.] \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Indoor Car Corral: \_\_\_\_\_ (number of cars for sale) X \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Outdoor Car Corral: \_\_\_\_\_ (number of cars for sale) X \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tom James with the Queen City NCRS with any questions at 513-377-8182 or e-mail [twj@fuse.net](mailto:twj@fuse.net).

Completed registrations should be mailed to 7329 Southpointe Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233. Checks should be made payable to "QCNCRS".

Registration confirmations will be sent to the above e-mail address with further event details.

**QCNCRS February Meeting Photos**



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## QCNCRS Club Shirt Ordering



**Pricing and shirt options are changing.**

**For information on Club Shirt pricing, colors and sizing as well as to place an order please contact Terrie James at [tmjames7329@gmail.com](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com) or 513-300-6411**



## QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2023 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 513-300-6411 or email at [tmjames7329@gmail.com](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com).

Trivia Answers: 1. 1984. 2. True. 3. True. 4. 1981. 5. True. 6. 1965.