



# The Side Draft

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## Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Spring is here! We are finally getting those warmer days, so I hope everyone has gotten their classic cars updated and ready to for summer cruise-ins. I personally have been working on my 1967 coupe that I purchased two (2) years ago. It is pretty much original with the exception of some minor items that were replaced almost 45 years ago with over-the-counter parts. I just finished the under-the-hood items so in a couple of weeks I will be ready to cruise.

We just completed our annual swap meet and charity raffle at Kelsey Chevrolet. We had a good turnout of QCNCRS members to help pull off a successful event. Without these folks we would not have a prayer for an event. Special thanks to Barb Hilbert, Judy Waggoner, and Carol Hartman, the ladies who staffed the food booth. A special shout out to grill masters Chris Clemmons, Keith Eve, and Kenn Bragg along with the door staff George Denman, Steve Henson, Tom Smith, Skip Polowy and Mark Young. Chris Rockenfield and Cathy Clements did a wonderful job assisting the Shriner's in split-the-pot sales. Set up again went smooth with the folks who came on Saturday, Joe, Jerry and Kenn, to set up the swap spaces. Thanks to Bill Hetzer for handling the audio system set up.

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## April Meeting Information

**Date:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Tom's Garage  
282 S. Miami  
Cleves, Ohio 45002

**Phone:** 1-513-377-8182

**Please remember to bring a chair and drive your Corvette.**

## QCNCRS Website Information

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

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## 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.**

### *Chairman's message – continued*

We sold \$4,210.00 in raffle tickets which is better than last year. The swap spaces and gate admissions were down from what we are used to. Jeff Lauch handled the silent auction booth bringing in \$416.00. The Shriner's played a big part in split-the-pot ticket sales with a total of \$425.00 being raised. After expenses, overall, it looks like this year's donation to the Shriner's, including the \$500.00 matching funds from the National, will be around \$3,500.00 which is \$1,000.00 more than last year. As well, the club will retain around \$1,500 to operate for the year. Again, not a record year but it will keep us from dipping into our savings.

I would like to thank Tom Keen from Keen Parts who has continued his sponsorship of our Chapter for another year. Tom has been a supporter of our club for many years through membership, sponsorship, and always has an open door for a monthly meeting. Thanks, Tom, for all you do. If you need parts for your Corvette, C1-C8, see his staff for courteous and knowledgeable help to keep your Corvette on the road.

I would like to welcome a flurry of new members from the last few weeks. Jack Hunt, Thomas Beringer, Donald Harden and Jamie Schworer round out our new members for the month of March. We hope they can attend our monthly meetings so we can get to know them and vice versa. Welcome to all!

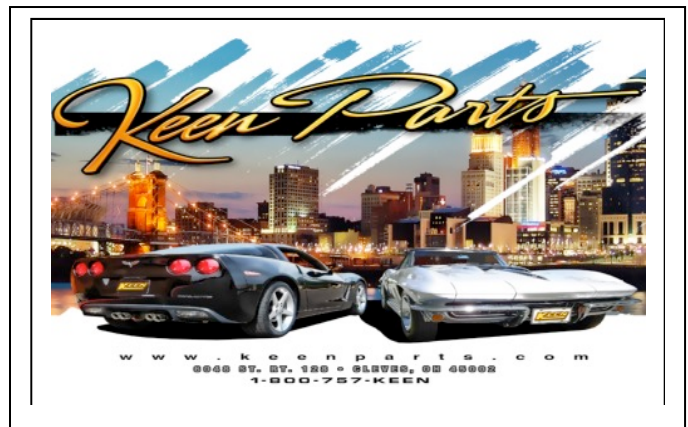
Some members were asking where Bill and Barbara Hetzer were at the swap meet since they were present on Saturday for the set up. On Saturday evening on their way back to their hotel after dinner they were involved in a head-on collision with a drunk driver. Bill suffered a fractured sternum and Barbara had minor injuries. Thank goodness for airbags or it would have been a much worse scenario. They are back in Texas recovering. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

On another health note, Joe and Mary Carol Eyl's son had a serious stroke. Prayers are needed for him to make a speedy recovery.

On a sad note, Barb Hilbert has resigned as our Treasurer. We thank Barb for her years of service to our club. On that note, we are looking for someone to fill that position. I will be speaking more about this at

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the monthly meeting at my shop in April, so please consider helping your fellow members by volunteering to fill this position.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:30 PM at my garage, 282 S. Miami, Cleves, Ohio 45002. Hope to see you there!

Save The Wave!

Tom

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

In addition to the Mopar Hemi powered *Mongoose*, the 1963 Sting Ray split-window coupe of Tampa, Florida drag racer Pete Arend, were there any other Hemi-equipped Sting Rays on the scene back in the day? Yes, and they came right out of Chevrolet engineering. Intended for the stillborn 1963 Corvette Grand Sport lightweight program. Arkus-Duntov's team designed, constructed, and tested a 337-inch small block with aluminium dual-plug Hemi heads that made 550 hp and 500 ft-lbs. Unfortunately, GM's January 1963 corporate ban killed it. As for Pete Arend's Hemi powered 1963 drag machine, it was a mongrel. Its Hillborn-injected 426 Hemi was straight out of a Dodge A990 Super Stocker. Real all about Arend's *Mongoose* in the September 1963 issue of *American Rodding*. It was the cover car.

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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.**

**TERRIE'S CORVETTE TRIVIA** Ans. on Last Page

1. What was the first year Holly carburetors were used in Corvettes? 1964, 1967, or 1969.
2. A low restriction off road exhaust system was available in 1957. True or False.
3. Corvette's new 1.11 engine for 1992 employed reverse flow cooling, a first for Corvette. True or False.
4. How many Corvettes were made in 1972? 26,555, 27,000 or 27,004.
5. 350 and 454 cu. in. were the only engine options available in 1974. True or False.
6. The new 1987 roller valve lifters resulted in friction reduction as well as a power increase. True or False.



## **March QCNCRS Meeting Minutes**

**...Kenn Bragg**

March 18, 2025  
Jaguar of Cincinnati

Tom James, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He thanked Jaguar for hosting the meeting.

Tom started by thanking all the members who volunteered to help out with this weekend's Swap Meet to raise money for the Shriner's Hospital for Children. Our club had enough people to handle everything well. Attendance was down slightly less than last year. QCNCRS made \$3121 for the Shriner's this year. The National is going to match with \$500, and the members voted to add another \$400 to take the total donation to over \$4000.

Tom then opened the floor up to discuss things which we could do to improve next year's event.

Steve Barrett suggested moving the event to the Horsepower Farm. This venue is more centrally located and may draw more attendees and vendors. Steve will call the owner of the Horsepower Farm, Rick Willis, and investigate the possibility. Steve will report back at the next meeting.

Keith Eve suggested doing a car show and raffle to coincide with the Swap Meet.

Tom James next talked about doing a cruise to one of the Shriner's grill outs in Indiana. Interested members and their spouses are welcome to come cruise and enjoy a fun evening with the Shriners. Terrie James will investigate the dates and send out an email with details.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, gave an item-by-item financial break down of the Swap Meet.

Tom James next brought up the planning of the annual Christmas party. Due to rising costs, the event will cost increase \$15 more per person this year. The event will take place on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm. All club members are invited as well as their spouse or guest.

Tom then announced that John Waggoner resigned as

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**...Kenn Bragg (continued...)**

the National webmaster and the National is looking for a suitable replacement.

Tom informed the club that Bill and Barbara Hetzer were in a head-on collision with a drunk driver after helping with the Swap Meet set up on Saturday at Kelsey Chevrolet. Bill has a broken sternum. He is home now in Texas and recovering.

Tom introduced one of our newest members, Jamie Schworer. Jamie has a beautiful 1968 Corvette. She says she has Corvette in her blood.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, announced that we are up to 85 members. We have five (5) new members. Additionally, we have one returning member in attendance tonight who is considering rejoining the Chapter. Our current goal is 90 members.

Skip Polowy stated that the Heart of Ohio is also behind in membership. He has had conversations with Andy Goodman about this as well as the National membership dues increasing from \$60 to \$80. A marketing firm has presented ideas to the National to review and implement in order to avert the rising costs for the organization, postage, printing etc.

Tom asked if there was any new business. There was none brought to the floor. Split-the-pot was drawn, and the meeting was adjourned.





**QCNCRS March Meeting Photos**



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## Upcoming Events

### QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *April 15, 2025 – Chapter meeting – Tom’s Garage*

### NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *April 3-5, 2025— Carolina Regional, Pendleton, SC*
- *May 1-3, 2025— Arizona Regional, Glendale, AZ*
- *July 16-19, 2025 – Missouri “Show-Me” Regional, Springfield, MO*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*
- *October 23-25, 2025 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

### CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

- *April 10-12, 2025 - Pigeon Forge Spring Rod Run, LeConte Center, 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee*
- *April 23-27, 2025 - Spring Carlisle, Collector Car Flea Market, Corral & Auction, Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*
- *April 24-25, 2025 - Spring Carlisle Collector Car Auction, Carlisle Expo Center, 100 K Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania*
- *April 26, 2025 - 4th Annual FBC Car Show, Friendship Baptist Church, 8580 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12-3 PM*
- *April 26, 2025 - Cars And Courage, Diamond Oaks, 6375 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12-4 PM*
- *April 26, 2025 - 4th Hail To Horsepower Car Show, Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Ohio, Registration 9-12 PM*
- *August 22-23 Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*



## 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 2025 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. 1964. 2. False. 3. True. 4. 27,004. 5. True. 6. True.**