



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Alas, the last newsletter of 2025. This year has been a solid year for the Queen City NCRS.

First off, our membership has grown around 10%, compared to the National trend which is in a steady decline. What exactly is the reason for that could be discussed for hours, but I am concerned about our Chapter and only our Chapter.

We began in the spring with our annual swap meet which was a success but has declined since COVID and the move from our old location. The amount of money we raise has dropped from past years to the point, is it really worth the effort to get a mediocre result. It takes a lot of time and effort to plan the event as well as man the event, so it is going to be a part of our past and not part of our future.

The future is a raffle that combines the Shriner's Hospital for Children charity as well as enough money to fund the Chapter for the year. George Denman has spearheaded our Bourbon Raffle this year to fund the charity and Club activities. The raffle for the bourbon will take place at the Christmas party on December 7, 2025, which will be held at the Aston Oaks Golf Club. As

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December Meeting Information

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025

Time: 5:00 - 9:00PM

Location: Aston Oaks Golf Club
1 Aston Oaks Drive
North Bend, Ohio 45052

Again, this year we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys-For-Tots campaign at the party. Please bring an unwrapped new toy for children between the ages of 1 and 18 years to be donated to this worthy cause.

Please remember to 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

of the writing of this newsletter, we have sold 189 of the 200 tickets for this raffle. We still have one (1) week to go and the night of the party to sell out the remaining tickets. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket(s), please contact George Denman as soon as possible, georgedenmanc3@gmail.com. This is by far a much easier and more profitable event than the swap meet was. Thank you in advance to all the Club members who sold and/or purchased the tickets to make this first raffle a great success.

Our next event of 2025 was our Shriners steak and cruise held in June. We had a great group of cruisers to the Shriners of Southeastern Indiana meeting hall in Dillsboro, Indiana. Everyone had a great time and a great meal. Thanks to all who attended.

In September we had our annual picnic at the Horsepower Park in Middletown, Ohio. I think this was the largest group we have had at a picnic since I have been President. The ladies knocked it out of the park with the lunch that was served. They really made it a great event for everyone who attended. A special thanks to Keith Eve, Chris Clemmons and Kenn Bragg for doing an excellent job manning the grill.

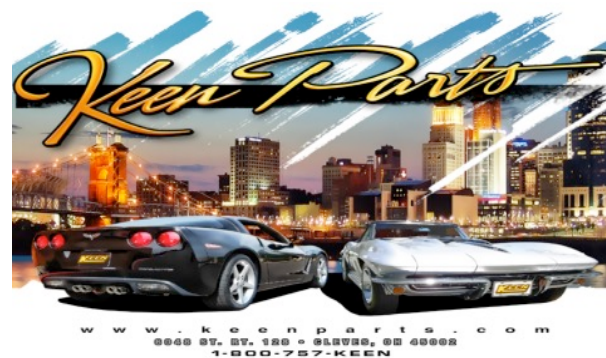
In October we had our Chapter Judging Meet at Kelsey Chevrolet. We judged eight (8) cars on a day with perfect weather. The group of judges we had was outstanding with help from inside and outside of our Club. A big thanks to the organizers, Skip Polowy, Joe Eyl and Tom Smith, for all of their hard work to pull off this size of a Chapter meet.

In November we had a tech session at Steve Henson's collection/garage. The topic discussed was wiper door repair. Steve has a gorgeous 1968 T-top 427 that has a malfunctioning wiper door which director Chris Rockenfield found the problem through his expertise in the field. Everyone enjoyed the learning experience Chris shared with the other members. A fun experience to boot. Thanks, Chris, for the informative tech session.

Last up is our annual Christmas party next week at Aston Oaks Country Club. So far, we have reservations for 62 people with one (1) week to go. Last year we

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saw 56 members attend this gala so another record setting event. I hope we continue this trend of larger attendance in the future. The more members who attend, the greater the understanding of what our Chapter is all about.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Save The Wave!

Tom



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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. When did windshield wipers first appear on the steering columns? 1968, 1973 or 1977.
2. What transmission was installed in 1953 Corvettes? Powerglide auto, 3 speed manual or 4 speed manual.
3. All 1959 Corvettes came with the folding soft top and removable hardtop. True or False
4. What was the first year for posi-traction rear axles? 1956, 1957 or 1960.
5. Aluminum brake calipers were introduced for the first time in 1984. True or False
6. The removable hardtop was an option in 1989. True or False



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 Rys on the scene back in the day? Yes, and they came right out of Chevrolet engineering. Intended for the stillborn 1963 Corvette Grand sport light program, Arkus-Duntov's team designed, constructed, and tested a 377-inch small-block with aluminum 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 Hilborn-injected 426 Hemi was straight out of a Dodge A990 Super Stocker. Read all about Arend's *Mongoose* in the September 1965 issue of *American Rodding*. It was the cover car.

Arkus-Duntov's love affair with the hemispherical combustion chamber began prior to his employment at Chevrolet. He sought to improve the Ford flathead V-8 with his Ardun Hemi conversion kit in the 1940s. Although the flathead's 239 ci short-block lacked the displacement to make the most of the free-breathing Ardun Hemi heads, the December 1967 issue of *Hot Rod* showcased several experimental Hemis, SOHC and three-valve small- and big-block V8s in an article titled "Chevy's Moustache Curlers", with none other than Arkus-Duntov leading the show-and-tell session.

QCNCRS Chapter Raffle

Reminder

Any members who still have not turned in their bourbon raffle tickets to please do so at or prior to our Christmas party on 12/7. If members would still like to purchase tickets, we still have some available for purchase. Please contact George Denman at georgedenmanc3@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

November QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg

November 18, 2025
Steve Henson's Garage

Tom James, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:37 pm. Tom thanked Steve Henson for sharing his garage for the meeting as well as the Technical Session prior to the club meeting.

Tom then began with the business part of the meeting. First, he spoke on the status of the bourbon raffle the club is sponsoring to benefit the Shiners Hospital of Ohio. He turned this over to George Denman who stated we have sold 186 of the 200 raffle tickets allotted for the raffle. Two (2) more raffle tickets were sold during the meeting.

Tom then asked about doing another raffle next year to raise money for the Shiners Hospital for Children. This idea was favorable to the club members in attendance. Members also suggested possibly raffling off a one- or two-year lease on a new Corvette in 2026. This idea will be explored in more detail and reported on at a later date. A suggestion was also made to try a Tequilla raffle in the future which will also be explored.

Jamie Schworer, Treasurer, gave a line-by-line accounting of the financial report for the month. A motion to accept was made and seconded. A vote was taken and accepted without opposition.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, spoke as to where we are with membership activity. Last month we lost one member and gained another, so we are still above last year's number of members. Brian James is our newest member. He recently purchased a 1977 C3 Corvette and is doing some major rebuilding work. Terrie then spoke on the Club's annual Christmas party. The Christmas party will be held at Aston Oak's Country Club on the 7th of December at 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. The cost to attend is \$50 per couple. The club will be putting up approximately \$2k for the event. Costs are increasing so the cost may increase next year.

George Denman took 18 members of the motocross team to Lecia Calvert's garage to show them her Corvette collection. After seeing her amazing collection, two of the team purchased Corvettes.

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...Kenn Bragg (continued...)

Steve Henson then spoke about his newest purchase of a 1968 Corvette. He bought it from the James collection.

Split-the-pot was drawn, and Tom James closed the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

QCNCRS November Meeting & Tech Session Photos



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QUEEN CITY NCRS BOURBON LOVER RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold by members of the QCNCRS chapter beginning
on September 23rd

Tickets are \$50 each and only 200 tickets will be sold

Drawing to be held December 7th 2025 at the annual QCNCRS
Christmas party

Cash, Zelle, and checks made out to QCNCRS are accepted.

For more details or to purchase tickets contact George Denman at
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Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *December 7, 2025 – Chapter Christmas Party – Aston Oaks Country Club*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *January 14-17, 2026 - Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *April 16-18, 2026 - Show Me Regional, Springfield, MO*
- *June 4-6, 2026 – Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional, Altoona, PA*
- *July 26-30, 2026 - NCRS National Convention, Charleston, SC*
- *October 21-23, 2026 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

December 6, 2025

Toys for Tots, Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Hio, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, 10:30-11:00 AM Santa parade and holiday craft fair

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 or 513- 300-6411



QUEEN CITY CHAPTER 2026 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Chapter Dues \$20.00

First Name: _____

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Spouse's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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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 513-300-6411 or email at tmjames7329@gmail.com.

Trivia Answers: 1. 1977. 2. Powerglide auto. 3. False. 4. 1957. 5. True. 6. True.