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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Well, it's a new year; a time to look forward to this year's activities with first a short recap of the Christmas party.

We had a great group of members attend, including John and Judy Ballard. John has stepped down as the Regional Representative for the southeast but will remain active in the NCRS. Thank you, John, for all you have done for the NCRS over the years in making it the organization it is today. As usual, John led us to the buffet table as is tradition with our group. The dinner was well attended with almost 55 members showing up. We had our games for the guys and gals with Mollie Smith taking home the prize for the gals and Mike Hartman winning for the guys. Yearly awards for Perfect Attendance, Most Driven Member and Member Of The Year were distributed. The Most Driven Member Award went to Skip Polowy. Skip has helped with our judging duties this year to make a great Chapter event in October. Thank you Skip. Member Of The Year went to Joe Eyl. Joe has been there for the club when we needed help at every turn with pictures, the swap meets, and Judging Chairman. I, along with all of the Queen City members, thank you both for your hard work and dedication to our club.

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January Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Kelsey Chevrolet
1105 E. Eads Parkway
Greendale, IN 47025

Phone: 812-777-5357

We will be discussing our upcoming swap meet in March, so all members are encouraged to attend.

Please remember to bring a chair and drive your Corvette.

QCNCRS Website Information

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

Webmaster: George Denman 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.

Chairman's message – continued

Next up is our March Swap Meet at Kelsey Chevrolet to be held on March 16, 2025. We have a meeting this month at Kelsey on January 21st to gather ideas for the meet. If you can attend, that would be great. We need volunteers for different positions to fill critical jobs, so it goes as smooth as it always has. We hope this year to sell \$5,000.00 in raffle tickets for the Shriner's Hospital for Children. That is not an easy task, so we need every member to try to sell at least \$50.00 in tickets.

We have lost 20 members since last year so that leaves 79 members to make up the difference of the 20 members we lost. Let's get started early to make our goal for this worthy cause so they can continue the great work that so many children need. If you are not able to attend meetings, I encourage you to buy or sell tickets for this worthy cause. Details regarding ticket sales will be forthcoming in the new year so watch your emails.

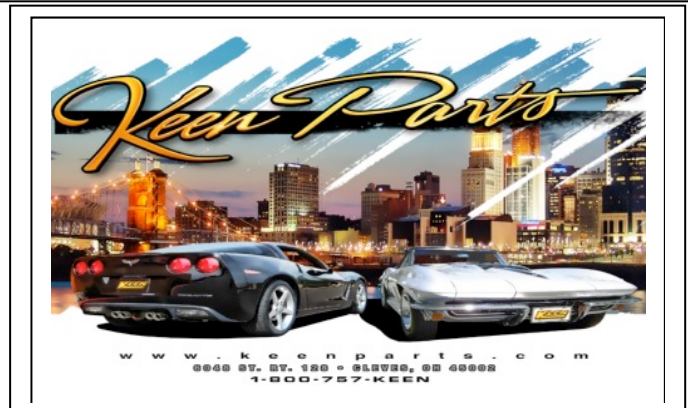
Upcoming for national events are the Florida Regional in Melbourne, Florida at the American Muscle Car Museum and the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee, Florida. The Regional starts on January 15th and runs through January 18th. It is held at a private museum which houses over 450 of the most rare collector cars in the country. Admission is free. The Mecum Auction runs from January 7th through January 19th at the Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee, Florida. There will be 4500 collectors' cars being auctioned with one a one-day admission price of \$30.00 and \$10.00 fee for parking. Both events should be exceptional for us car people to get in "gear" for the coming car season.

It has been brought to my attention that several members have had difficulty when renewing their Chapter membership dues. Instructions for doing so are as follows.

1. Visit ncrs.org and login in.
2. Click on Join Local Chapters.
3. Scroll down to Queen City NCRS.
4. Click on the "Join/Renew" button next to the Chapter name.
5. Click on how many years you would like to renew your membership and submit your payment. Yearly membership dues are \$20.00.

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Chairman's message – continued

If you have not paid your yearly membership dues, please do so as soon as possible so that we can close out our 2024 Queen City NCRS books.

Lastly, this month we welcome a new member, Les Leary. Welcome Les. We hope to see you at a monthly meeting and invite you to share in our Corvette addiction.

See you at Kelsey Chevrolet on January 21st. Save The Wave!

Tom

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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

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\$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. All 1956 Corvettes had the signal seeking wonder bar radio. True or False.
2. What was the first year for metallic brakes to be available? 1959, 1963, or 1965.
3. What was the first year for AM/FM type systems? 1963, 1977 or 1979.
4. The theft alarm system of 78s was modified to include monitoring the wheels, the roof panels or the steering wheel?
5. What year did Corvette have louvers molded into the hood? 1958, 1963 or 1966.
6. A soft top was available in 1962. True or False.



Fun Facts Tom James

As of May 2017, the C7 had been in production for five years. Starting in late 2016, Internet gossip and pictures showed that General Motors appeared to be hard at work on something exotic, exciting, and very mysterious. Each week Internet spy shots and video clips depicted grainy images of heavily camouflaged GM test vehicles with the short-nose/cab-forward/long-deck proportions indicative of mid-engine architecture. The presence of similarly camouflaged C7 Stingray test mules in the pictures suggested many possible scenarios. Either the mystery car was an existing Ferrari or Lamborghini supercar that General Motors was comparison testing (benchmarking) or it was an actual mid-engine Corvette prototype. If it was the latter, it would be the fruition of Corvette designers' dreams since the CERV-1 of 1960 and could be referred to as the C8.

Lending credence to rumors that a new Corvette was on the way, in 2016 and 2017 General Motors spent \$439 million on improvements to the Bowling Green Corvette assembly plant. Although the official company line was that the money and effort went into an improved paint shop, rumors swirled that the added space would house mid-engine C8 Corvette operations.

Beyond the mid-engine Corvette speculations, rumors also flew that the mystery supercar was actually a Cadillac project meant to bolster the divisions' revived, youthful direction. There it would serve as a \$150,000-plus halo model above Cadillac's highly acclaimed "V" series high-performance sedans, coupes, wagons, and SUVs. These same speculators held that Chevrolet would have been crazy to divert attention from its strong selling C7 with anything other than more of the same.

Others speculated that the pool of Corvette buyers was large enough to appreciate both the traditional \$50,000 to \$120,000 C7, with its front engine, long hood, and short deck layout as well as a world-class Ferrari competitor priced above \$150,000.

Fun Facts Tom James

The C7 Stingray continued to satisfy existing Corvette customers (with the usual year-to-year upgrades), while the mid-engine C8 lured Ferrari customers into Chevrolet showrooms for the first time. The assertion was that most buyers of cutting-edge supercars from Ferrari, Lamborghini, Audi, McLaren, etc., simply would not consider Corvettes despite the fact that the supercharged ZR1 and Z06 outperformed some of them. Put bluntly, the traditional Corvette lacked snob appeal. A mid-engine alternate remedied the situation.

Predicted names for the mysterious mid-engine C8 ran the gamut, but observers noticed when Chevrolet dropped the ZR1 model nomenclature in 2013 at the end of the C6 model run. Chevy then applied the Z06 name to the supercharged version of the C7. This left the ZR1 name up for grabs and possible use on the mid-engine C8.

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December QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Tom Smith (continued...)

Aston Oaks Country Club
1 Aston Oaks Drive
North Bend, Ohio 45052

Tom James, Chairman, opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming tonight. He informed us that we have a special guest who will be first in line for the dinner, Mr. John Ballard. Tom also offered takeout boxes for people if there is leftover food. Dinner was served.

Following the dinner Tom announced that the ladies will receive the "ladies game" first. Tom kept time and Mollie Smith was the winner. "Then men got the pen" per Tom. Mike Hartman got 18 answers correct and won the men's prize this year.

We have a dignitary with us tonight and his name is John Ballard. John took the floor and informed us that the NCRS is doing well. There is a new location for the January Florida Regional. If you have not seen it yet please take the time. The museum has 460 cars and is approximately two (2) blocks long; the cars are beautiful with all originals as well as restored vehicles in multiple units on some. Well worth the trip for a visit.

Tom James took the floor to introduce Karen Slattery and Sharon Mortimer. Sharon informed us that she and Gary received a gift from the Queen City NCRS of a professional photographer taking pictures of the cars they own. Both loved the gift and thought it was wonderful. She thanked the Chapter and showed us some of the pictures. Jerry Hilbert then took the floor and stated that Gary and Sharon were among the original members who started this club and they are great people. "So never give up."

Next up was the awards for Perfect Attendance in 2024. Receiving awards were Gary Conger, George Denman, Joe Eyl, Ken Bragg, Skip Polowy, Steve Barrett, Tom James and Terrie James.

December QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Tom Smith (continued...)

The Most Driven Member of the year, who did a great deal for this Club, is Skip Polowy. The final award and Member Of The Year went to Joe Eyl.

That concluded our evening. Thanks to everyone for coming.



QCNCRS December Meeting Photos



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Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *January 21, 2025 - Queen City NCRS Chapter Meeting, Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, Indiana, 6:30 PM*
- *March 16, 2025 – Queen City NCRS Swap Meet and Shriner’s fundraiser - Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, Indiana, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *January 15-18, 2025 – Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *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:

- *January 18, 2025 - Butler County Winter Swap Meet. Butler County Fairgrounds, 1715 Fairgrove Avenue, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.*
- *August 22-23 Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*

Rough Idle Cure

To cure rough idling and poor performance related to carburetor air leaks. With your car idling and warmed up, try tightening the screws that hold the top cover or your carburetor to the carburetor main body. These screws tend to loosen over time and allow air leakage throwing the air fuel mixture off. This also applies to the bolts holding the carburetor to the manifold. Be careful not to overtighten these small screws, you could strip them or warp the sealing surface causing a bigger problem.

Stop Battery Tray Corrosion

Tired of replacing your corroded battery tray every few years. Try a can of spray rubber. Its not paint but goes on just like an aerosol paint. Its black and its acid proof. Eastwood Company sells it as "Eastwood Rubberized Rust Encapsulator Black". Be sure to clean off all the corrosion before you apply the coating. If the color or gloss doesn't suit you a coat of your favorite black paint over the rubber should hold up for years.

Submitted by: John Waggoner

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 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.

Trivia Answers: 1. False. 2. 1959. 3. 1977. 4. The roof panels. 5. 1958. 6. False.

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