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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Well, it is almost crunch time with regards to the swap meet and raffle. As of the writing of this newsletter we have around 2 weeks and 3 days.

At our last meeting at RPUI, a.k.a. Trim Parts, we had a decent start on selling raffle tickets. At that gathering we totaled over \$2,000.00 in ticket sales which at least covers the money we give away; now we have to get the money that we donate to the Shriners Hospital for Children. We are shooting for another \$4,000.00 in ticket sales this year. If you can, take the challenge of selling at least \$50.00 in tickets or buying them yourself. We should be able to meet our goal. Who knows, you may be one of the lucky winners!

We still have a good number of swap spaces left if you were thinking of bringing out those leftover parts from that restoration of 15 years ago. Contact me to reserve a spot and turn those leftovers into cash. We have a few members who expressed interest in volunteering the day of the swap to man the doors and sell raffle tickets. I know we always have a good number of people there to help, but I would like to have a definite number before the day of the meet so we know all aspects will be covered. This year we will have a sign out front in the grass about 10 days prior to the event announcing the swap meet. With

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March Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Jaguar of Cincinnati (back building)
9115B Blue Ash Road
Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Phone: 1-513-791-1000

Website: jaguarcincinnati.com

We will be reviewing our swap meet, to be held the Sunday prior on March 16th, at this meeting. Please remember to bring a chair and drive your Corvette. Hopefully Old Man Winter will be gone, and we can get our Corvettes out for an exercise.

QCNCRS Website Information

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

Webmaster: George Denman qc@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

about 30,000 cars per day that pass the store I hope this will increase our door traffic. In years past we have not had any way to invite local traffic in to see what was going on, so keep your fingers crossed that we have a record crowd. Set up will be on Saturday between the hours of 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. If anyone can help Jerry Hilbert and Joe Eyl with the layout of the floor on Saturday, I would greatly appreciate it. Lastly, we still need items for the silent auction table which Jeff Lauch is manning. If you have anything to donate such as car parts, gift cards, etc., please contact me so we can arrange to get it into the auction.

We currently have 79 members who have paid their Chapter dues for 2025 with only two (2) members unpaid. I would like to complete the dues process by the time of the swap meet on March 16th. If these members do not respond, we will assume they have decided to quit.

On that note I would like to welcome a new member to our group, Scott Wanstrath. Scott has three (3) Corvettes. I hope he can make our monthly meetings. He is planning on attending the swap meet; a great time to see what our Club is all about.

I am sure everyone has seen the announcement in the most recent edition of the Driveline about the National dues being raised to \$80.00 this year. I hope this does not further drive the National membership down. It is still a good value for what kind of organization you are part of. I am a member of the Buick club, and their dues are less but a magazine is really all you get with a few events around the country. The type of judging does not even come close to what the NCRS offers their members. We will discuss this topic further at this month's meeting to be held on March 18th at Jaguar of Cincinnati (back building), 9115B Blue Ash Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

Save The Wave!

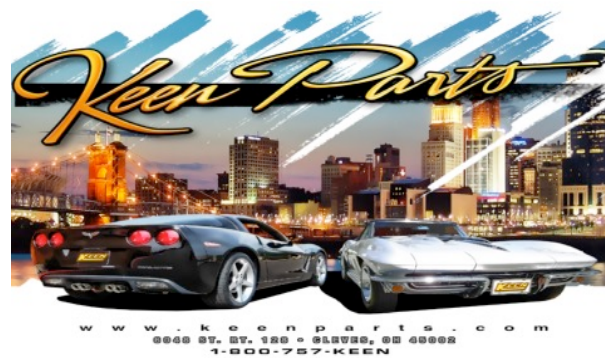
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Fun Facts Tom James

Although maligned today and during the supercar 1960s, 3-speed manual transmissions were a treat when they finally appeared in 1956. Of the 3,467 cars built that year, more than half had clutch pedals. The remainder carried the cast-iron Powerglide 2-speed automatic, a \$188.50 option.

It's impossible to do an oil-and-filter service on a 1955 V-8 Corvette. Oil, yes; filter, no. That is because all 1955 V-8 engine blocks lacked provisions for an oil filter. For passenger cars, the AC company offered an add-on filter unit, but because it mounted tall, atop the intake manifold, it did not fit under the Corvette's low-profile hood. For 1956-on, the block was redesigned with a circular pad at the rear of the driver side oil pan rail to accept a canister-style filter unit. Thus, filters became standardized on V-8s of every displacement for 1956-on.

The V-8 returned with a bigger splash in 1956. An optional dual-quad induction system was offered instead of the already impressive single 4-barrel carburetor fitted to the 1955 Corvette. Incredibly, the vast majority of 1956 Vettes (3,080 out of 3,467 cars, about 85%) received the RPO 469 and its sexy dual Carter WCFB 4-throat carbs, despite the \$172.20 upcharge.

The 1956 RPO 469 dual-quad 265 V-8 marked Corvette's first use of an aluminum intake manifold on a V-8. The extra breathing helped boost output from 210 to 225 hp. The base Corvette V-8's single Carter WCFB 4-barrel was bolted to a cast iron intake manifold.

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Half Page
\$75.00 / month or \$600.00 / year

Full Page
\$150.00 / month or \$1,200.00 / year

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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 for red to appear as an optional color? 1953, 1954 or 1956.
2. Reclining mechanisms for all 1994 seats were manual, electric, or non-existing.
3. The “N-11”, or off road exhaust option, was available with the base engine or automatic in 1964. True or False.
4. Heated glass element rear window defoggers were featured in 1976 Corvettes. True or False.
5. What was the first year California emission requirements became optional? 1970, 1980, or 1990.
6. The driver's and passenger's seats were adjustable in 1954 Corvettes. True or False.



February QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg

Trim Parts
Lebanon, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Tom James, Chariman, at 7:05 p.m. Tom thanked Trim Parts for allowing us to conduct our meeting at their facility.

The first order of business was an update on where we were on the upcoming Swap Meet to benefit The Shriners Hospital for Children. Tom James asked all the attending members to help solicit more booth (swap space) rentals. Currently, we are just over 50% sold. There will be some late responses as there always is, but anything we can do now will certainly help. Raffle ticket sales are doing well. We are well ahead of this time last year. Tom asked everyone to keep selling tickets. Next, Tom suggested we keep asking for items for the silent auction. Skip Polowy offered to donate a carburetor worth \$500. The group discussed starting prices for expensive items like this. Starting prices will be determined by the value of the item. Finally, Mr. James mentioned that we are getting regular airings on WGRR.

Barb Hilbert, Treasurer, then gave the monthly financial report. She gave a complete assessment of all transactions. Keith Eve made a motion to accept the financial report. The vote was unanimous to accept with no dissenting votes.

Terrie James, the Membership Chairperson, brought the club up to date on the membership. There are currently 6 members who currently have not paid their yearly dues. We would like these paid before the next meeting.

Tom James announced that there would be a tour of the Trim Parts facility after the meeting. They do produce a large supply of very well manufactured parts.

February QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg (continued...)

Skip Polowy reminded members to look on NCRS.com to make sure you are properly registered for upcoming events.

Tom Smith, Judging Chairman, announced all items are in for the judging event to be held in October at Kelsey Chevrolet. He proposed pricing for the event would be \$75 for members and \$95 for nonmembers. Last year's event was well received by the participants. Tom took an inventory of judging manuals and many were missing. New manuals were purchased, and the cost was \$1335. Jerry Hilbert asked about getting C5 and C6 manuals. Tom Smith will look into this further.

Tom James asked about any new business. Skip Polowy brought up the newly acquired marketing company for membership. There is going to be a call with them and Skip will let us know more after the call. Skip also discussed the Indiana judging school event coming soon; all NCRS members are invited.

George Denman announced the 9th annual St. Suzanna car show this June. He is suggesting doing a pace car exhibition since many of our club members have pace cars. He also is going to send it out to other clubs.

Tom James, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.



QCNCRS February Meeting Photos



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Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *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*
- *March 18, 2025 – Chapter meeting - Jaguar of Cincinnati (back building), 9115B Blue Ash Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242*

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:

- *March 13-15, 2025 - Corvette Expo, LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM*
- *August 22-23 Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*



INDOOR SWAP MEET AND CAR EXPO



WHEN:

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Kelsey Chevrolet

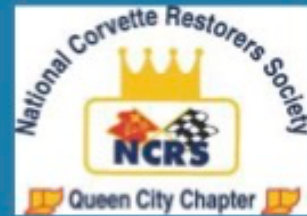
1105 E. Eads Parkway

Greendale (Lawrenceburg), IN 47025



GATE ADMISSION: \$5.00

Proudly donating over \$82,000 from this event to:



**HOSTED BY:
Queen City Chapter Of
The National Corvette
Restorers Society**

**WHAT TO KNOW:
Swap spaces sold
out the last 13 years!
Many classic GM
parts.
Food, split-the-pot,
major award; 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**

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.

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 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. 1954. 2. Manual. 3. False. 4. True. 5. 1970. 6. False.