



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Well, fall is upon us now with cooler temperatures for taking a cruise in our beloved Corvettes.

We just finished our annual picnic for the Club with an outstanding response. We had close to a record crowd and a fantastic food spread. Thanks to all of the wives for providing a wide range of salads and side dishes to share as well as a dessert bar that rivaled any five (5) star restaurant. Thanks to Keith Eve, Chris Clemmons, and Kenn Bragg for their grilling expertise and for preparing the meat to perfection for all to enjoy. Once again, I thank all who participated. We had a great mix of cars driven and conversation about our hobby which we all so enjoy. It was great to see some members that we have not seen for a while at the picnic, i.e., John and Judy Ballard, Pete and Peggy Corcoran along with a long-distance award to Bill and Barbara Hetzer from Texas. Glad you all could attend! Also, Ed and Vicky Bauscher were scheduled to attend the picnic however Ed was working on a neighbor's Corvette and was injured. Ed sustained some cuts and bruises but is doing much better. We look forward to seeing Ed and Vicky at an upcoming meeting.

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October Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Factory Hot Rods
4844 Duff Drive, Ste. F
West Chester, Ohio 45246

Phone: 513-266-2515

Website: factoryhotrods.net

Come and see what Noel and his crew have been working on the past year. The cars are incredible! You will not want to miss this meeting.

Again, this year we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toys-For-Tots campaign at this meeting. 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 bring a chair and drive your Corvette!

Lastly, we still need a meeting location for our November meeting. Please contact Tom if you know of a location or are willing to host this meeting.

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 Chapter Judging Event on Saturday, October 11th at Kelsey Chevrolet in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. We have eight (8) cars to judge with a good mix of all eras on display. We still need judges. If you are curious as to how the whole system operates, come and volunteer your time. I promise you will be amazed as to what you might learn about the NCRS judging process. If you would like to join in the fun, contact Skip Polowy at skip67c2@gmail.com to register for the event. Come make this event another learning experience about your car.

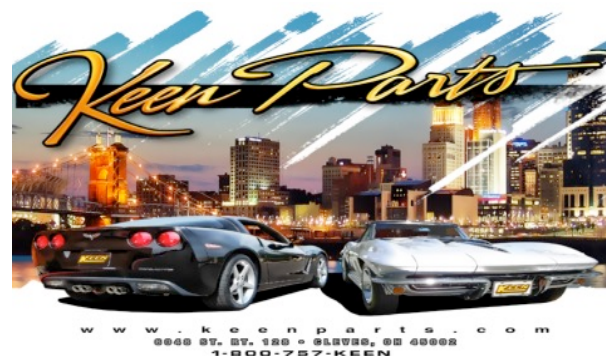
At the picnic we discussed the raffle to benefit the Club's activities with a portion going to our adopted charity, the Shriner's Hospital for Children. We have acquired a collection of rare bourbon from Blanton's in Kentucky. The first prize is a group of eight (8) letter bottles of Blanton's, with a value of \$1350, which, I am told, as a group would be difficult to get all eight (8) letters at one time. The second prize is a bottle of E.H. Taylor single barrel with a value of \$250 and the third prize is a bottle of Caribou Crossing single barrel Canadian whiskey with a value of \$125. We will only be selling 200 tickets at a cost of \$50.00 each for this raffle so your chances of winning are pretty good. To purchase tickets, contact George Denman at georgedenmanc3@gmail.com. Please support your Chapter and maybe win a rare bourbon collection too. The drawing for the raffle will be at the annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 7th at the Aston Oaks Golf Club.

Lastly, our Chapter has won another Top Flight Award. The award was presented to Steve Henson at the National Convention. Not many Chapters can say they have won this Chapter award, but ours has a long history with winning this since its inception, 10 years ago. Thanks to Joe Eyl, Steve Henson, and Skip Polowy for their efforts to put us over the top again this year., as well as everyone who gave a tech article and drove their Corvette to a meeting to make this possible. It was a group effort. Thank you!

See you all at Noel Grace's Factory Hot Rods, 4844 Duff Drive, Ste. F, West Chester, Ohio 45246
on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 PM for the next monthly meeting.

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Tom



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\$75.00 / month or \$600.00 / year

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\$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. The 1981 Corvettes from Bowling Green are radically different from the ‘81s built in St. Louis. True or False.
2. Many of the photos used in the 1970 promotional literature were used again in the 1971 literature. True or False.
3. What was the first year for 350 cu. in. engines? 1959, 1969 or 1972.
4. What year Corvette was the heaviest? 1973, 1976 or 1981.
5. Metallic power brakes were optional on 1960 Corvettes. True or False.
6. What was the first year for raised white lettered radials? 1969, 1971 or 1973.



Fun Facts Tom James

Like Ford's Thunderbird, the Corvette body was originally meant to be formed from steel. It was only the last-minute nature of the decision to put the EX-122 Corvette Motorama show car into production (the program was completed in a mere seven months) that made fiberglass the material of choice. Unlike the many months, and millions of dollars, needed to create the massive die-stamping equipment for steel body panels, as any small boat builder or California car customizer knew, fiberglass molds could be made in days. It is documented that Chevrolet only intended to use fiberglass for the first year or two, after which conventional steel construction would take over. However, as its fiberglass body became part of Corvette's marketing strategy, General Motors embraced it more fully, and the steel-body takeover was cancelled.

Some have claimed that Corvette embraced fiberglass construction because of its supposed lighter weight than sheet metal. After all, Corvette was a sports car, and sports cars were light for enhanced power-to-weight ratios and svelte handling. In truth, unless carefully executed, hand-laid fiberglass parts can easily outweigh identical parts, rendered in stamped steel. Part for part, the early Corvette's hand-laid panels generally weighed slightly more than steel stampings.

QCNCRS Chapter Top Flight



Steve Henson accepts the QCNCRS yearly Chapter Top Flight award at the National Convention in Las Vegas.



Tom James displays the latest Chapter Top Flight award to the membership at the annual picnic meeting.

September QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg

September 21, 2025

Horsepower Farm, Annual Picnic

Tom James, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Tom thanked the members that attended the annual picnic. Tom talked about membership, which is up over last year; a pleasant trend verses the National. Tom thanked the Hetzer's for coming up from Texas to be at the meeting.

Next, Tom addressed the bourbon raffle that the Club is sponsoring to raise funds for the Chapter as well as the Shriner's Hospital for Children. The Club has purchased 8 bottles in sequential order as the grand prize, one bottle valued at \$250 for second prize, and one bottle valued at \$150 for third prize. The Club will only sell 200 tickets for the raffle at \$50.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held at our annual Christmas party in December. Tom asked that each member try and sell 10 tickets.

Tom next reminded us that we will also be selling the Shriner's raffle tickets to make additional money for the Shriners Hospital for Children. Sales will begin in December at our Christmas party with the drawing being held at our April meeting.

Next Tom addressed the October Judging event. This will be held on October 11th at Kelsy Chevrolet, our sponsor's facility in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. We have 8 cars registered to be judged; 5 cars are club members and 3 are from out of state. Cars that will be judged range from C-2s to C-6s. Currently we have 8 judges signed up. We would like 8 more judges if possible. The last day to sign your car up is Monday, September 22nd.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, reminded us that with regards to National dues when your National membership dues expire you will receive an email from the National as well as from Terrie. Please renew your membership in a timely fashion when it expires. Terrie also asked members to make sure they had picked up their name badges. She still has some that haven't been picked up. Terrie stated that membership was up from last year, but we can always use more members.

September QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg (continued...)

Finally, Terrie reminded us about the annual Christmas party which will be held on Sunday, December 7th at the Aston Oaks Country Club from 5-7pm. The cost is \$50 per couple. Emails will be sent out shortly regarding this. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Tom James then spoke on the National Meeting in Las Vegas. Steve Henson, Topflight Chairman, received the award on behalf of our chapter. Only 15 Chapters received this award.

Joe Eyl, Historian and Co-Topflight Chairman, stated we are well on track for next year's Topflight Chapter award. We need to keep turning in technical articles to our newsletter. Judging and tech meetings are very good events. Our chapter had 16 members at our last one. A good time was had by all.

Tom James, Chairman, then asked if there was any more new business.

Terrie James gave the financial report line by line for membership. A motion to except was made and seconded. The report was passed with no abstention.

Skip Polowy then spoke on the change to Concourse to Open division. One of the new divisions may be custom or modified. C-8s will be judged at the upcoming Texas event. The concept is to attract new members of C-5s to C-8s. The criteria is still being determined, so stay tuned.

Tom James then asked for any additional new business. None was proposed so the meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm.

QCNCRS September Meeting Photos



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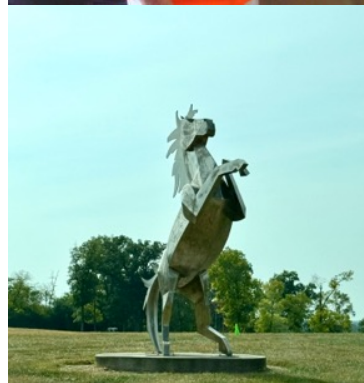
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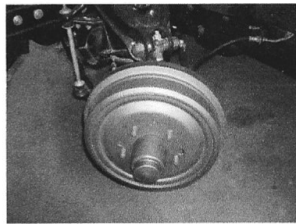
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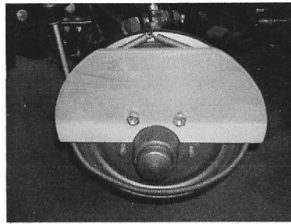
C - 1 Brake Drum Spring Installation

By Joe Eyl

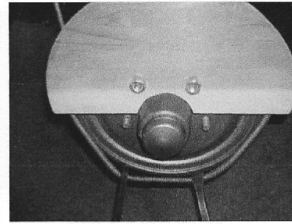
This is the solution that I did to replace these springs without having to have someone to help with the installation. I made this jig out of wood and was able to hold the spring in place at the top while I used two bars to pry and stretch the spring to get it over the drum. Once the spring is over the drum outer you can roll into the back into the groove. I laid the wood out, cut it on a band saw, drilled the two holes and countersink them to use lug nuts to hold the jig in place



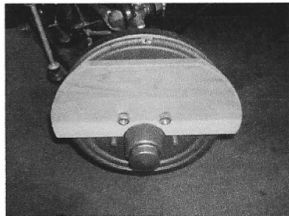
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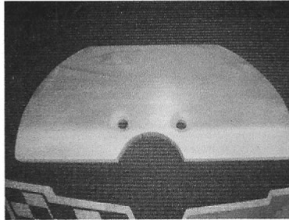
Jig in place with spring



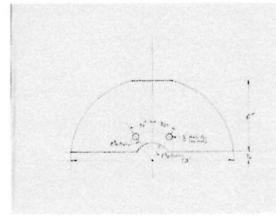
Pulling down spring



Spring in position



Jig





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
georgedenman3@gmail.com



Queen City Chapter
National Corvette
jamie68c3@gmail.com



Zelle®

First Prize:
Complete Set of
Blanton's
Includes all 8 letters
This is truly a
bourbon lover's
dream! \$1350 value

Second Prize: Bottle
of E. H. Taylor Single
Barrel Kentucky
Straight Bourbon
Whiskey \$250 value

Third Prize: Bottle of
Caribou Crossing
Single Barrel
Canadian Whiskey
\$125 value



Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *October 11, 2025 – Chapter Judging Event – Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, Indiana*
- *December 7, 2025 – Chapter Christmas Party – Aston Oaks Country Club*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *October 23-25, 2025 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

October 1-5, 2025

- Fall Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

October 3-5, 2025

- Pumpkin Run Nationals/Fastiques Rod & Custom of Southern Ohio, Clermont County Fairgrounds.

October 4, 2025

- 14th Miami Historical Society Show, St. Rt. 128 & Mill Street, Miamitown, Ohio, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 5, 2025

- Robinson's Whitewater River Campground Surghun Festival Car Show, 1618 State Road 121 South, Connersville, Indiana, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- 16h Annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest Car Show, 4290 Dry ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 10-12, 2025

- Boonesborough Boogie Nationals/Southern Knights of Central Kentucky, Ft. Boonesborough State Park, Fri., 12:00 PM-4:30 PM, Saturday, 8:00 aM-5:00 PM, Sunday, 8:00 AM-1:30 PM

October 11, 2025

- Sleepy Hollow Car show, Paul Ogle Riverfront Park, 100 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 12, 2025

- Spring Grove Cemetery 18th Cruise-in, Spring Grove Funeral Home, 4389 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Car Show, Muscle Car Drags, Swap Meet "Pink Ribbon Girls", Edgewater Sports Park, 4819 East Miami River Road, Cleves, Ohio, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 16, 2025

- 2025 Skills USA Auto Show, Conner High School, 3310 Cougar Path, Hebron, Kentucky, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

October 19, 2025

- Wheels Back On Monmouth, Enter East 10th & Monmouth Streets, Newport, Kentucky, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Caesar Creek Flea Market Spooktacular Car show, Caesar Creek, 7763 OH 73, Wilmington, Ohio, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

November 20-23, 2015

- MCACN – Rosemont. IL

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 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. True. 3. 1969. 4. 1973. 5. False. 6. 1973.