



The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Wow! August is here already. Where has the summer gone?

This month we have the cruise to Southeastern Indiana Shriner's Shrine in Dillsboro, Indiana on August 21st. Make sure that you have your reservation in so we can let them know how many steaks to order. We usually have about 14 to 20 couples on our journey from the Whitewater Township Kroger on St. Rte. 128 in Cleves, Ohio to Dillsboro, about a 25-minute cruise for a relaxing evening with the group. Hope to see everyone there.

Last month we had our meeting at C.A.R.S. Restoration in Cleves, Ohio. Owner, Pete Corcoran, gave a talk on his 1962 Mickey Thompson Indy Race Car. The history of this particular car is second to none with many special features that were used by many other racers for that time period. Mike Frey, who is Pete's shop foreman, explained some of the projects they had in the shop. A 1969 Corvette T-top 427 tri-power

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August Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: George & Linda Swartz's Garage
8225 Taffy Drive
West Chester, Ohio 45059

Phone: 513-379-1957

Come for this chicken dinner and see George's toys that he has accumulated over the years!

Please remember to bring a chair and drive your Corvette!

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

that was a very rough project when it began to be restored two years ago now sits proudly with new paint, a laser straight body and with all refurbished components almost finished looking absolutely gorgeous and ready to show. The other project almost finished is a 1968 Mustang Coupe that mirrors the quality restoration of the Corvette but with more of a hot rod theme. The Mustang has been the owner's dream for many years but will finally be finished this year. Mike and Pete also explained the long history of the shop and some of the rare cars that they have restored in the past, such as one of the first Penske Camaro's ever raced in the 1960's and a one (1) owner 1956 Dual Ghia which is one of just over 100 ever made and won Best In Class at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California, which is the most prestigious car show in the country; all from two (2) of our Club members. Nice work gentlemen!

At the meeting we also had the privilege of welcoming a new member, John McConn, and his lovely wife Sue. John was also our split-the-pot winner that evening, so it goes to show you, join the Queen City NCRS and get paid to do so. Welcome John and Sue. We hope to see you at future meetings and events.

On Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 12:00 noon we will once again be holding our Chapter picnic at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio. Please mark your calendars now for this fun annual event with your fellow Club members. More information to follow in the weeks to come.

Lastly, next month's meeting is at George and Linda Swartz's home, 8225 Taffy Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45059. George always has some horsepower in the garage to see and hear, so put the date August 18th on your calendar so as not to miss this meeting as well as Linda's desserts which are to die for.

Hope everyone is well.

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See you at George and Linda's.

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. What year was the RPO579E road racing special option offered? 1957, 1963 or 1969
2. What year did Corvette and Vega use the same steering wheel? 1966, 1969 or 1976.
3. What year did Corvette change to the true “fastback” style? 1968, 1978 or 1980.
4. The first HEI ignition system was introduced in 1970, 1975 or 1980.
5. What was the first year for a sports coupe? 1957, 1963 or 1965.
6. Callaway twin-turbo conversion ended with the 1991 model year. True or False.



Fun Facts Tom James

As Corvette's first weather tight coupe, the Sting Ray opened the (fully framed) door to sports-car fans who were previously turned off by Corvette's roadster-only status. A key factor in making the coupe so weather tight was the inclusion of a steel cage. Encircling the doors, cowl, and roof perimeter, the network of stamped-steel posts and rails provided rigid hard points for door hinges and latches, bonded into the fiberglass body shell. Don't let anybody tell you Sting Ray bodies were all plastic. It just is not so. Sting ray roadster bodies also benefitted from a similar steel cage minus the fixed roof and vertical B-pillar aspect to suit the folding top. Coupe bodies were also secured to the frame with six mounts versus eight on open-roof roadsters.

QCNCRS New Members



QCNCRS new members John and Sue McConn attended the meeting at Classic and Antique Restoration.

July QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg

July 21, 2026

Classic and Antique Restoration, Pete Corcoran
Owner

Tom James, Chairman, started the meeting at 7:25 pm. Tom thanked Pete Corcoran for letting us meet at his facility as well as Mike Frey for allow us the opportunity to see the quality work both he and Pete produce in the shop. He also thanked the members in attendance for coming this evening.

Tom talked about the various things the shop had in the shop. There was a 1962 Mickey Thompson Indy race car that is one of three built and only two are still in existence. There was an early Chevy all aluminum experimental engine for the car as well.

Tom then introduced the newest member and his wife to the club. John and Sue McConn. They recently acquired a 1957 custom Vette.

Tom then talked about the minutes from the national meeting, 2 sets and what was going on at that level.

Tom will have three booths at the Corvettes At Carlile show August 27-29. He invited the members to stop by if they wanted to drop off items that they didn't want to carry all day, rest for a bit, and have a cold drink. Tom will have booths B9 through B11.

Skip Polowy finally received his 1957 retromod the first week of July. It's a very beautiful custom car. Skip is at the Nationals having his car judged in the custom class. Also, at the Nationals are several of our other members who are not present at tonight's meeting.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson,

July QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg (continued...)

announced that we have one new member, but we lost one, so our membership count is still at 85. Terrie then reminded the membership about the August club cruise to the Southeastern Indiana Shriner's Shrine on August 21st. They have a grill out to support Shriners Hospital for Children. They serve steak, chicken, chopped steak, and pork chops. If you are able to attend this fun event, please RSVP by the 14th to Terrie and let her know what your meal selection so that the Shriners will have enough to accommodate our group. We will meet at the Whitewater Kroger store located at the corner of Rte. 128 and US 50, 4001 Hamilton Cleves Road, Cleves, Ohio, at 5:30 PM and drive about 40 minutes to the Shriners lodge in Indiana.

There was no more new business.

Jamie Schworers, Treasurer, then gave a line-by-line detailed account of the Club's finances. There was a motion to accept the report, and it was seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Pete Corcoran then talked about the Mickey Thompson Indy car. He explained how it was built and how innovative it was for its time. Thompson made most of the parts for the car. In 1962 he built three (3) cars and in 1963 he built two (2) cars. One '62 and one '63 qualified for the 1963 Indy race out of 95 entries. The 1962 car finished at 9th and the 1963 car finished 23rd. The Shop has restored some very impressive cars in its history. They remade a Dual Ghia that finished 1st at Pebble Beach and redid a 1968 Camaro that was one of two Penske cars that recently sold for 2.5 million at Mecum. The cars that Classic and Antique Restoration restore are exceptional. Pete Corcoran and his assistant Mike Frey are remarkable craftsmen.

Split-the-pot was drawn, and Tom ended the meeting at 8:55pm

QCNCRS July Meeting Photos



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Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRC CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *August 21, 2026 – QCNCRS Road Trip to Shriner's Steak dinner, Lawrenceburg, IN*
- *September 20, 2026 – QCNCRS Annual Club Picnic, Horsepower Farm, Middletown, OH*
- *October 10, 2026 - QCNCRS Chapter Judging Meet, Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, IN*
- *December 6, 2026 – QCNCRS Annual Christmas Party, Aston Oaks Country Club*

NCRC NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *September 17-19, 2026 – Intermountain Regional, Spokane, WA*
- *October 21-23, 2026 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

August 1, 2026

Save A Warrior Car & Bike Show, Renaissance Park, 10542 E. St. Rte 73, Harveysburg, Ohio, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Sycamore Township 16th Annual Car Show, 11532 Deerfield Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-Noon.

August 2, 2026

3rd Annual Ride And Roll Car Show, Eastern Lanes, 6943 Coles Road, Middletown, Ohio, Show 12:00 PM-2:00 PM

August 8, 2026

Samaritan Car Care Clinic Benefit 25th Annual Car Show/Ft. Thomas Corvette Club, Hofbrauhaus, 200 E. 3rd Street, Newport, Kentucky, Reg. 8:30 AM-11:30 AM, Awards 3:00 PM.

Car Show/Good Ole Boys And Gals, Behind Court House On The River, Warsaw, Kentucky, Reg. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Trophies 3:00 PM.

MHCC 4th Car Show, Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles, Mt. Holly Christian Chapel, 2141 E. Ohio Pike, Amelia, Ohio, Reg. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

19th Annual City Of Blue Ash & The Untouchables Classic Car Show, Oakwood Park, Hazelwood Community, 11090 Oak Avenue, Blue Ash, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

SR 125 Beechmont Avenue Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, 430 OH-125, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12:00-3:00 PM

Harrison Car Show/Harrison Recreation Commission & Corvair Club Of Cincinnati, 100 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

August 9, 2026

11th Annual Benjamin Oglesby Memorial Car, Truck & Bike Show, Brookville Town Park, Enter 650 E. 8th Street, Brookville, Indiana, Reg. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

August 15, 2026

Woodward Dream Cruise! 16 Mile Radius Of The Historic Woodward Avenue, Berkley, Michigan, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM.

11th Annual Tender Mercies Ministry Charity Car Show, Tender Mercies Ministry, 1430 Oxford St., Middletown, Ohio, Show 10:00 AM-2:15 PM.

August 16, 2026

Erlanger Lions Club 1st Annual Charity Car Show, 5996 Belair Drive, Florence, Kentucky, Reg. 8:00-11:15 AM.

August 22, 2026

Classic Car Show In the Park At Deer Park, Chamberline Park, 7650 Plainfield Road, Deer Park, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

“Caring For Kids’ Wilmington FOE Eagles Auxiliary Car & Bike Show, Eagles, 141 E. Sugartree St., Wilmington, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

August 23, 2026

Liberty Lions Club’s Smokin’ On The Water BBQ Festival Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show, 3801 W. Old Dunlapville Road, Liberty, Indiana, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:30 PM.

Park And Rides For Heroes 2026, AJ Jolly Park, 1501 Racetrack Road, Alexandria, Kentucky, Show 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Fayette Co. 32 Degrees Mason Car Show, 118 E. Market St., Washington Court House, Ohio, Show 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

August 27-29, 2026

Corvettes At Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

August 29, 2026

Red, White & Vroom (Formally Cars & Pipes Car Show), Kroger Parking Lot, 1832 Declaration Drive, Independence, Kentucky, Show 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Rumble In The Park 8th Annual Car Show, Monroe Township Park, 2828 SR 22, Bethel, Ohio, Show 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.

11th Annual Crafts & Critters Car Show, Ross High School, 3601 Hamilton-Cleves Road, Hamilton (Ross), Ohio, Show 12:00 PM-5:00 PM.

Bob Groh Memorial Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show, Ohio Rural Heritage Festival, Main Street, Ripley, Ohio, Show 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

November 21-22

MCACN, Rosemont, IL

More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>

Technical Article – Mid-Year Door Sag

..... Claude Mehnert

For mid-year owners, are your doors sagging? Do you have to lift them a little to get them to latch? Well, you could have worn door hinge pins, or more likely, loose rivets that attach the top and bottom hinges to the door (front edge).

I had this problem on the passenger door on my '65 Coupe. I found a “relatively” simple method to repair/replace the loose rivets on the Corvette Forum. FWIW: I take no personal credit for any of this. Credit is due to John Hinckley (well known corvette forum member “JohnZ”).

To start, you will need to remove the “offending” door from the car. Then you will need to drill out the rivets which are to be replaced (be sure to punch the center of the rivet head for your drill bit). After the rivets are removed, replace them with the following weld studs from McMaster-Carr: 93865A230 - 1/4"-20 x 3/4" (www.mcmaster.com)

Use a 1/4-20 nylok nut on the backside. You'll need a long extension on your ratchet to tighten the nuts.



The exposed head of the weld stud looks very similar to a correct rivet head, and when painted with silver paint, is almost indistinguishable from a correct rivet. I'm sure there are at least a couple of judges who'd take issue with this, though ;-)

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This is the passenger door I fixed on my '65 Coupe.



Here you can clearly see the rivets involved. This is not an easy job, but with patience and a little caution you can create a very nice final

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: _____

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. 1957. 2. 1976. 3. 1878. 4. 1975. 5. 1963. 6. True.