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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Here we are, starting a new year for the Queen City Chapter of the NCRS. Last year was a great one for the Club in expanding our membership and attendance at the Club activities.

Our Christmas party was a great time with record attendance, and many faces we have not seen in a long time. It was a very entertaining night. We had our usual group of awards with perfect attendance awards and special awards being given to our Treasurer, Jamie Schworer, for the Most Driven Member as well as to Kenn Bragg, Secretary, Member Of The Year. These award-winning members have gone above and beyond for the Club so that it can continue to be the kind of Chapter it continues to be. Jamie stepped up when we needed to fill the Treasurer spot and Kenn graciously agreed to fill the vacant Secretary position. Thank you to these special members for your service.

Next up at the Christmas party was the drawing for the bourbon raffle with proceeds benefiting the Shriners Hospital for Children, as well as general funding for the Club. We had 200 tickets to sell and we sold all 200. Even though we did not sell out until the last day, our members never did quit selling them. With this raffle

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January Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

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

Phone: 812-777-5357

Please remember to bring a chair and 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

we will be able to give the largest donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children that we have been able to in several years. Once we have finalized the total with expenses, I will report the exact amount of the donation which will be determined by a vote of the membership at a future monthly meeting. A special thanks to George Denman for spearheading this event and to all of the members who sold the tickets to make this a great endeavor.

As we look forward to 2026, we have to find some new and exciting places to hold our monthly meetings. If you know of a place that we could go and would be of interest to the members, please let me know so that we can plan a new venue to go and explore.

Since we held the bourbon raffle this year, we will not be holding our annual swap meet in March as we have in past years. As I explained in prior newsletters, it just was not what it used to be. If anyone has an idea for an event to replace it, please bring your ideas for discussion at a future meeting. I have a couple of ideas but could use more input from the membership.

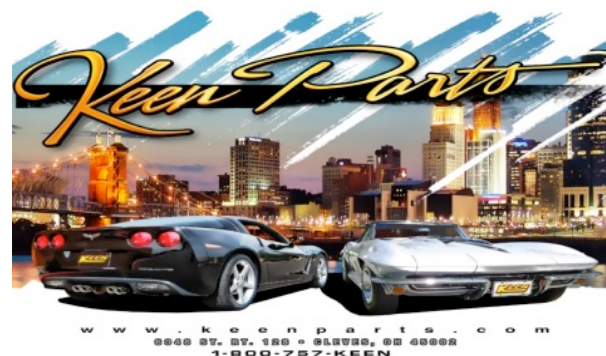
Here's to a great upcoming 2026! Hoping all had a great Christmas season. Wishing you a Very Happy New Year. See you at the next meeting on January 20th at 6:30 PM at Kelsey Chevrolet in the Body Shop drive-thru, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, IN 47025. See you then!

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 did the least amount of change occur in Corvettes? '66-'67, '70-'71, or '74-'75.
2. What was the first year that a Corvette purchaser had a choice of engines? 1954, 1955, or 1956.
3. The 1975 Corvette hood was the first for the use of L-82 hood emblems. True or False.
4. How many Corvettes were built in '76? 45,558, 46,558, or 47,558.
5. How many times did the word “Corvette” appear on 1954 Corvettes? 1, 2, or 4
6. What was the last year for 327 cu. in. engines? 1957, 1968 or 1974



Fun Facts Tom James

The XP819 rear-engine prototype demonstrated the challenges of a rear-engine Corvette. A few years later, the fully functional XP882 mid-engine Corvette concept car debuted at the 1970 New York Automobile Show. With a fiberglass body, steel inner frame, and transverse-mounted V-8, the editors of the January 1971 edition of *Road & Track* were so sure it was for real that they put it on the cover with the blurb "This is the NEW Corvette." A five-page feature story highlighted its iron 454 big-block and Tornado-based transverse Turbo-Hydramatic and mentioned that GM engineering also had a 4-speed manual transaxle in reserve for the car. Interestingly, mid-engine show cars from AMC (the AMX/3) and Lincoln-Mercury (the Pantera) also debuted at the same 1970 New York show. Only the Pantera reached dealer showrooms.

From the editor..... Bill Hetzer

Each year our chapter strives to achieve a Chapter Top Flight award. In order to accomplish this, we must meet a list of requirements set for all chapters by the NCRS. One of these key requirements is to publish technical articles in our newsletter. We need a total of at least six articles per year. I know that many of you are working on your cars. Whether doing a minor repair, or a major restoration, we need pictures and the how you did it.

Please work with me and I will help you write the article. How to take something apart is as important as to how to put the replacement or restored part back on. You can take the pictures with your phone and together we can write the article, even if you just give me the key steps that you took to do the work.

December QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg

December 7, 2025

Aston Oaks Golf Club

Tom James, Chairman, started the meeting at 7:40pm. He thanked everyone for attending the annual Christmas party and meeting. Tom then proceeded to recap 2025 for membership in attendance.

January was the preplanning for the annual swap meet to raise funds for the Shriners Hospital for Children. In March we held the annual swap meet at Kelsey Chevorlet. In June we had our annual cruise to the Southeastern Indiana Shriners Lodge for a steak cookout. Seventeen (17) of our cars went on the cruise and all members were treated to a delicious steak dinner. September was the QCNCRS annual picnic held at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio, with the largest turnout we have ever had. A good time was had by all. October was our Chapter Judging Event. We judged eight (8) cars of various vintages. Skip Polowy and Tom Smith did a great job with the event and received very high reviews from all the participants. November was the technical session held at Steve Henson's garage. The topic was washer boxes and vacuum systems on C3's. Lastly, we now close the year with our December meeting and Christmas party, held today, December 7th. Tom was proud to state that we ended 2025 up 10% in membership versus that of the 2024 membership. Tom also stated that the treasury accounts all held steady throughout the year.

Tom then turned the meeting over to George Denman to discuss the current Bourbon raffle that the club was sponsoring to raise money for the Shriner's Hospital for Children. George said that as of the start of the meeting all 200 tickets had been sold for the bourbon raffle with the first prize being the eight (8) bottles of Blantons single barrel bourbon with all 8 letters. The second and third prizes were both very good brands of bourbon as well. We drew the winners at the end of the meeting.

Tom recognized the outstanding effort George had made in handling the raffle with tremendous results. The chapter will do another one similar raffle next year to raise more funds for charity. This raffle made more money than our previous swap meets.

December QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

...Kenn Bragg (continued...)

Next, Tom brought up the annual Christmas party. The cost has gone up, and he asked membership in attendance if the cost to members should remain the same and the club offset the difference next year. A motion was made and seconded. A unanimous motion was passed with the cost for the party to once again remain at \$50 per couple in 2026.

Jamie Schworer, Treasurer, then gave a detailed account of the financial report line-by-line. A motion was made to except the report and seconded. The motion passed with a 100% vote by the membership.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, then told the membership that the Christmas party would remain at the Aston Oaks Golf Club for next year. Terrie again stated that membership went up 10% in 2025.

Tom James, Chairman, then presented the awards for 100% attendance for 2025. The recipients were, George Denman, Joe Eyl, Skip Polowy, Kenn Bragg, Steve Henson, Steve Barrett, Tom James and Terrie James. Gary Conger was absent and will be presented with his award at the January 2026 meeting.

Next Tom gave the award for The Most Driven member. Jamie Schworer was the winner and very deserving to be the award winner. Jamie came right in and became our treasure and has done a great job!

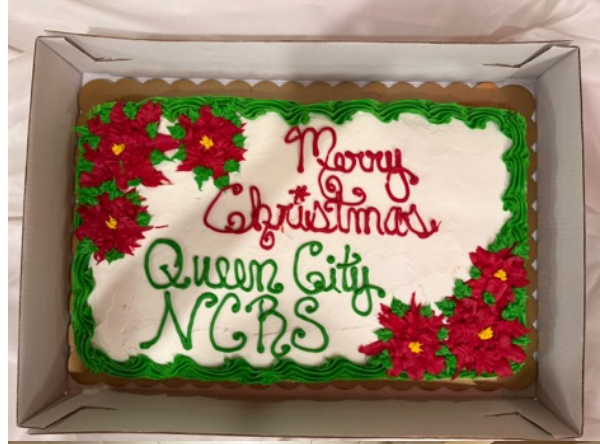
Finally, Tom presented The Member of the Year award to Kenn Bragg. Kenn has stepped up to the plate on numerous occasions and when the vacancy for the position of Secretary became available, Kenn graciously offered to help out the club in this capacity. Well done, Kenn!

Tom James then concluded the meeting, and members and guests continued to socially mingle and celebrate the Christmas season.

QCNCRS December Meeting Photos



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QCNCRS Award Photos



Jamie Schworer – Most Driven member award



Kenn Bragg – Member of the Year award



QCNCRS 100% Meeting Attendance



Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *January 10, 2026 – Chapter Technical Session, Eastern Corvettes, 1299 Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102 (10:00 am – 12:00 Noon)*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *January 14-17, 2026 - Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *April 16-18, 2026 - Show Me Regional, Springfield, MO*
- *May 15-16 – Oklahoma Chapter, Tulsa, OK*
- *June 4-6, 2026 – Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional, Altoona, PA*
- *July 26-30, 2026 - NCRS National Convention, Charleston, SC*
- *September 17-19 – Intermountain Regional, Spokane, WA*
- *October 21-23, 2026 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

January 17, 2026

Butler County Winter Swap Meet/Tri-State F-100 Club, Corvair Club of Cincinnati, Ohio Valley Chapter-Falcon Club Of America, Butler County Fairgrounds, 1715 Fairgrove Avenue, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

January 24-25, 2026

Blue Grass World Of Wheels Custom Car Show, Kentucky Expo Center, Louisville, North Wing. Saturday 10:00 AM-8:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM.

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: _____

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. '70 - '71. 2. 1955. 3. True. 4. 46,558. 5. 2. 6. 1968.