



# *The Side Draft*

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## ***Chairman's Message..... Tom James***

Wow! Here we are in May already with the car show season upon us. Already we have a busy summer planned for the Club with road tours and the Chapter picnic as well as car shows.

First off, we have a road tour to the American Sign Museum located in Downtown Cincinnati planned for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM. This is a place where old signs from businesses to hotels to restaurants have been collected and restored to their original glory. I have never been but have heard nothing but glowing reviews of the tour they provide. Those interested will meet as a group before we caravan about 6 miles to the museum. Once the tour is complete, we will drive 0.5 miles to lunch at Camp Washington Chili, a Cincinnati tradition since 1940. Terrie has sent out an email for sign-ups so that we can let the museum know how many people they can expect on the tour. Please RSVP early to give us time to plan room at the restaurant as well as parking.

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## ***May Meeting Information***

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 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/>

**Webmaster:** George Denman [gc@ncrs.org](mailto: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 we will once again plan a cruise to the Shriners of Southeastern Indiana Oasis in Dillsboro, Indiana for their steak dinner. The dates will be coming soon, but it looks like we will attend the grill out in mid-August. Stay tuned for further details.

At this month's meeting at my garage, we delivered a donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children. This year the proceeds were from our bourbon raffle. We were able to donate \$5,500 to the hospital to offset the care and expenses they provide. To date our Chapter has donated over \$95,000.00 to this worthy cause. Thanks to the membership; it shows that we care about others and can make it fun in the process. You all are a special group, and I am proud to lead this effort.

Speaking of the raffle for the Shriners, at April's meeting it was voted on to hold another bourbon raffle again starting in September for the 2027 year. The members decided this raffle will feature a different bourbon collection called Wellers. This rare collection has six (6) bottles of bourbon, and it is very rare to acquire all six. Tickets will go on sale in September. Details will follow soon.

This month we welcome one (1) new member, my nephew Brian James. Brian and his son Brogan have a 1977 Corvette that has not run since 2010 and are bringing it back to life. So far it has been a challenge but both dad and son are already driving it around Liberty Township, working out all the bugs. Welcome guys. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

Lastly, we need meeting locations for several meetings this year. We do not need a tremendously large location. A two (2) car garage is fine. The Club supplies everything except chairs. If you can help with a location, please contact me. We have lost three (3) meeting locations this year

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so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

The May meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, IN 47025. I hope to see you all there!

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 was the body material for the 1980 Corvette, steel or fiberglass?
2. The ZR-1 factory racing option, available in 1971, included a copper or aluminum radiator?
3. When was the first time Corvette discontinued convertibles? Jan 1959, July 1975 or Dec 1980?
4. A four-speed transmission was available in 1982 Corvettes. True or False.
5. Dolby sound was available in 1984s. True or False.
6. What was the first year for dual four-barrel carbureted engines? 1955, 1956 or 1960.

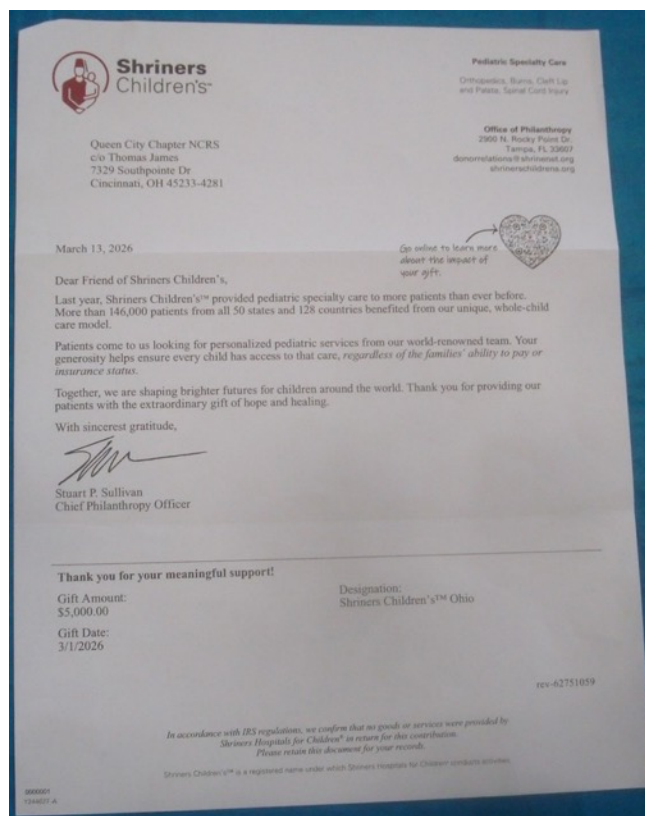


## Fun Facts ..... Tom James

The C4 was the last Corvette developed before the intrusion of the World Wide Web into everyday life. In these days, Chevrolet held regular consumer focus groups that exposed members of the public to preproduction Corvettes and their features. During development of the C5 and C6, however, the rapid growth of the Internet triggered security-leak issues. Despite signing confidentiality agreements, focus group attendees revealed new features online, long before their official announcements, due to the anonymous failure of the Internet. As Corvette (and Camaro) exterior design manager Kirk Bennion said in a 2017 *Motor Trend* interview, "The Internet has become too powerful." The C7 was the first Corvette designed without the input of external focus groups.



## QCNCRS Donation to Shriners Children's Hospital



## ***April QCNCRS Meeting Minutes***

**...Kenn Bragg**

April 21, 2026

Tom James' Garage

Tom James, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Tom thanked all the members that were in attendance this evening. Tom told the group that the CD we currently have was rolled over for another 6 months per our vote at the previous meeting. Tom then told the members that the Shriners have sent a representative to accept our donation for the Shiners Hospital for Children. Tom said that Opie's car show at the Horsepower Farm would be this weekend; this is the show that was at one time held by the City of Sharonville. Finally, Tom said we need suggestions for places to hold three meetings this year. Several suggestions were brought up and will be explored.

Jamie Schworer, Treasurer, then gave a complete line-by-line financial accounting for last month. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. It passed without any opposition.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, stated that we currently have 84 members with our newest member being Brian James. Next, she talked about the upcoming road tour to The American Sign Museum in Cincinnati. We will meet at 9:00 am on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Western Hills Plaza and cruise as a group to the venue. After the tour the group will then cruise to lunch at Camp Washington Chilli which is approximately one-half mile away. E-mails will be sent to members in the coming week. Terrie asked that those interested in attending please RSVP by May 30<sup>th</sup> so that reservations can be made.

Tom James, Chairman, brought up doing another raffle to benefit charity this year. He then turned it over to George Denman. George said we could do either Blantons 8 letter collection or Wellers 6 bottle collection. The membership chose Wellers. George will acquire the bourbon to be raffled and report at the next meeting.

## ***April QCNCRS Meeting Minutes***

**...Kenn Bragg (continued...)**

The floor was then turned over to Kari Tucker from the Shiners Hospital for Children of Ohio. Kari thanked us for our \$5,500 donation and said her records showed that we have given over \$95,000 in donations total as a club. She talked about the move from Cincinnati to Dayton and having only one brick and mortar facility saves them financially so that they can help more children. The Shiners hospital helped over 34,000 children last year. Kari also talked about the new laser technology that reduces scar tissue and helps reduce the pain involved. She thanked us again and gave us all cards with phone numbers to help children who might need care but are worried about the cost. Tom James then presented Kari the National matching funds check in the amount of \$500.

Split-the-pot was drawn, and Tom James closed the meeting at 8:05 pm.

**QCNCRS April Meeting Photos**



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## QCNCRS Road Tour

The Queen City Chapter of the NCRS will be hosting a Corvette Road tour to the American Sign Museum in Cincinnati on **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM.

The Corvette Road tour will convene at the Western Hills Plaza parking lot (in front of Old Navy), 6000 Glenway Avenue at 9:00 AM. Members and their spouse/guest in attendance will then drive the 6.1 miles to the American Sign Museum where we will be treated to a guided tour of the museum. Members will have the opportunity to browse the ASM Gift Shop upon completion of the tour. We will then drive 0.5 miles to Camp Washington Chili, a Cincinnati tradition since 1940, for lunch.

If you are interested in joining your fellow members for this fun-filled event, please respond to Terrie James at [tmjames7329@gmail.com](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com) **no later than Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that reservations can be made. Hope to see all of you on this cruise through Cincinnati History and remember to drive those Vettes!

Save the Wave.

## Technical Article

### C4 Fuel Float Repair

By Roger Schwartz

A friend of mine with a 1984 Corvette had a problem with his fuel gauge always reading empty. He asked my opinion and I agreed to take a look. This is an easy car to get access to the pump/sender assembly from the top of the filler area, and within minutes we saw the cause was a saturated float, due to the synthetic cover splitting. This unit was only a couple of years old, having been replaced in addition to the tank. I thought it would be easy to obtain a replacement float, but I exhausted every resource learning only the pump and/or sender unit is available separately. We didn't want to spend a hundred (or several hundred) to replace a fairly new item for lack of a small part.

We began to search for some kind of universal float out there that would work. A Model A float came to mind, and I discussed it with a friend at a GM dealer who has a '29 pickup, which I've helped him work on. He agreed it may be a possibility. I looked online at some photos of the part, and it seemed doable. I called Gaslight Auto Parts, and their sales person measured the piece for me to confirm the size and thru hole. I ordered two of the modern-fuel versions to approximate the length of the original, although one may have sufficed. It was an easy fix, sliding on the float rod and secured by the lock washer like they were made for it, and costing only a few dollars. Keep in mind this was an obvious problem with the float itself. According to what I've read online, most failures have to do with the resistance windings or ground connections, so this won't apply to many situations. But it is an economical alternative to replacing the unit if all that is needed is a new float.

## Upcoming Events

### QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *June 13, 2026 – QCNCRS Road Tour to the American Sign Museum*
- *September 26, 2026 – Annual Club Picnic, Horsepower Farm, Middletown, OH*
- *October 10, 2026 - QCNCRS Chapter Judging Meet, Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, IN*

### NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *May 15-16, 2026 – 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, 2026 – Intermountain Regional, Spokane, WA*
- *October 21-23, 2026 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

### CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

#### May 2, 2026

13<sup>th</sup> O.S.C.C. & High Grain Brewery Classic Car Show, High Grain Brewer, 9176 Winton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10:00 AM-Noon.

#### May 8-16, 2026

Dana Mecum's 39<sup>th</sup> Original Spring Classic, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

#### May 9, 2026

Rollin' On The River, Ludlow Vests, 830 Elm Street, Ludlow, Kentucky, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

#### May 10, 2026

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Middletown Antioch Shriners Mother's Day Charity Car Show, Smith Park, Middletown, Ohio, 7:00 AM-11:45 AM

#### May 16, 2026

Dairy Queen Car Show, Dairy Queen, 10540 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, Ohio, 3:00 PM-7:00 PM.

#### May 17, 2026

Cincy Street Rods 54<sup>th</sup> Car Show, NEW LOCATION, Warren County Fairgrounds, 665 N. Broadway Street, Lebanon, Ohio.

#### May 22-23, 2026

Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show, Clark Co. Fairgrounds, I-70 Exit 59, Springfield, Ohio, 7:00 AM-5:00 PM

**May 23, 2026**

Bryson's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, 240 Main Street, Morrow, Ohio, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

**May 31, 2026**

4<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Century All GM Car Show/Swap Meet, Jeff Wyler Eastgate Auto Mall, 401 Milford Parkway, Milford, Ohio, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**June 11-13**

Bloomington Gold, Madison, IL

**August 27-29**

Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA

**November 21-22**

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](mailto: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](mailto:tmjames7329@gmail.com).**

**Trivia Answers: 1. Fiberglass. 2. Aluminum. 3. July 1975. 4. False. 5. True. 6. 1956.**