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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

November is upon us and so are the fall activities that we all enjoy.

First off, we had a great judging meet at Kelsey Chevrolet on October 10th. We judged seven (7) cars that were all restored and preserved to a high degree. Skip Polowy had his restored 1957 there which is a work of art in and of itself. The car combines original styling with many modern upgrades, such as an LS motor and electronics from modern cars including a backup camera. Other entries were Steve Henson's 2017 Grand sport which walked away with an Open Class Emerald Award and his 2007 Pace Car which received Top Flight. Both cars are impeccable. George Denman took away an Open Class Emerald Award for his 2007 Convertible Pace Car. Also Top Flight Awards were given to Les Leary for his low mile 1996 Grand Sport that was flawless and a 1962, owned by Randy Todd, was an easy Top Flight winner with a fantastic restoration. Also receiving a Top Flight Award was a rare 1967 convertible owned by Fred Geyer from Rensselaer, Indiana which was a

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November Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: **To Be Determined**

Look for an email with meeting information or check the QCNCRS website.

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 28th day of each month. If it isn't here, we will publish without you.

Chairman's message – continued

black/red with no radio and a 3-speed; not many complete base price leaders were built, but a fine example, nonetheless. Thanks to Tom Smith and Skip Polowy for putting on a great event for all who attended. Thanks to all the support people, judges, and tabulators. Without everyone chipping in it would not be possible.

Our last monthly meeting held at Steve Henson's garage was a great success. We had a judging school prior to the meeting on the new Open Class. Skip led us through what items are being scrutinized with this new class. His 1957 Restomod was judged at the National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina this summer and was awarded the National Emerald Award with a perfect score of 100. Not bad for a first time out of the gate. Thanks to Skip for putting on such an informative presentation for all members who attended.

Topics that were discussed at our meeting were the upcoming Christmas part at the Aston Oaks Golf Club on December 6th. This year, as in previous years, if you attend the party your yearly dues will be paid in full along with a great meal. The costs have risen, naturally, but with a vote from the members in attendance we only raised the dinner an additional $10 from previous years to $60 per couple with the Club filling in the gap. The membership voted almost unanimously for the additional expense.

Lastly, our bourbon raffle will be drawn at the Christmas party on December 6th. The ticket sales are a little slow, but I am sure our group will catch up quickly at the November meeting. Remember, this raffle funds our activities for the year and allows us to make a sizeable donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children. As of last year, we have donated over $100,000.00 to this worthy cause thanks to our great members.

Our next meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:30 PM. Currently we are in the process of

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finding a meeting location. Please watch your emails for further details.

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. The finger depression plate door opening mechanism was introduced in 1968. True or False.
2. What year did the headliners change from fiberboard to vinyl? 1955, 1966, or 1969.
3. The C88 climate-controlled air condition system first appeared in 1985. True or False.
4. General Motors halted production of the 1974 Corvette due to the Arab oil embargo. True or False.
5. An oil cooler became standard equipment in 1984. True or False.
6. What was the first year for Delco's HEI ignition? 1975, 1976 or 1977.

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Fun Facts ..... Tom James

Planning for the C5 began in 1988, a full nine years before the finished car hit dealerships. This provided plenty of time for inaccurate rumors to swirl about in the automotive press. The April 1995 issue of *Motor Trend* devoted its cover image to a fairly accurate artist's rendering with a banner headline that read, "Revealed! 1998 Corvette, Spy Shots, Inside Info, Specs." The article presented two key errors. In the first, it said that the new Gen III would come in two sizes, a base 327-ci/5.3-liter version and an optional 350-cube 5.7. Although a 327-ci/5.3-liter version did materialize for truck, van and SUV applications in 1999 (with RPO codes 1.59/LM7), it used an iron block and never saw service in the Corvette.

The second major flub in the April 1995 *Motor Trend* preview article centered on how the illustrator rendered the taillamps and rear fascia. Instead of showing the flat-top tail used in production, the rear fascia had raised bumps above each taillamp in the drawing. Then again, there was the botched 1998 cover blurb. We all know the C5 survived for 1997.

From the Editor ..... Bill Hetzer

We need additional Technical Articles for the next year's newsletters. If you are working on your Corvette, and we all know that many of you are, please take a few pictures and I will be glad to help you write the body of the tech article.

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October QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

…Kenn Bragg

Steve & Kathy Henson's Garage

Tom James, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Tom thanked the Henson's for allowing us to use the garage on such short notice. Tom also thanked the members that were in attendance.

Tom announced that the next meeting would be at Factory Hotrods. Noel Grace had a death in the family causing us to move This month's meeting on short notice. The next meeting will be on November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Tom then started the conversation on the bourbon raffle and turned the floor over to George Denman. George said we have sold about half the 200 tickets. He asked that we keep pushing sales and not wait until the last minute. The drawing is in about a month and a half from now and will be held at our annual Christmas party on December 6, 2026.

Terrie James, Membership Chairwoman, reported that we are holding steady at 82 members. She said to ask people we know about joining the club. Tom James suggested we ask people at the various car shows and cruise-ins we attend about joining. Terrie has Chapter fliers as well as registration forms to pass out at these events. Please contact Terrie at tmjames7329@gmail.com if you would like forms to distribute.

Terrie requested that members sign up for the annual Christmas party by November 30th so she can give an accurate count to the venue. As of today, 18 people (including spouses/guests) have signed up. The cost this year will be $60 per member and spouse or guest with $20 of going towards next year's Club dues. The Club will pick up any additional cost for the Christmas party. The party will be on December 6th at Aston Oaks Country Club at which time we will draw for the bourbon raffle.

Tom James brought up the email we received from the National organization concerning the cost of the Driveline and the Restorer magazines. The National wants to save about $176K by sending the publications digitally rather than in print form. The National cannot

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…Kenn Bragg (continued…)

continue to lose money, and this would be a substantial monetary savings for the organization. Our Chapter took a vote and the group decided this would be in the best interest of all members. The NCRS is down to 8800 members and needs to work on recruitment to booster its numbers.

Jamie Schworer, Treasurer, gave the group its normal line by line accounting for the month's finances. She does a great job and doesn't miss a thing. The report was motioned and seconded, and the report was accepted without opposition.

Tom James stated that the food for the meeting was $50 more this month. In the past we have obtained our sub sandwiches from Jimmy Johns but due to the unacceptable quality of their product we are considering switching to Penn Station which has a better product all around. He asked the members if they would agree to use Penn Station in the future and all members agreed that this product was much better. The members took a motion and seconded it. The motion passed.

Tom James talked about the past week's Judging Meet. We had seven (7) cars participate in the event. Tom stated that Skip Polowy did a fantastic job with this Judging Meet. Tom asked Skip to be our Judging Chairman going forward due to Tom Smith's time constraints. Skip accepted and will be the new Judging Chairman for our Chapter.

Skip went over the new open class category which he had held a meeting on before the Club business meeting. The meeting went well and again Skip asked us to continue pushing membership; this new Open Class will be a vehicle to help.

Just a reminder that if you have any bourbon raffle tickets which need to be turned in or if you would like more tickets to sell, please contact George Denman at georgedenmanc3@gmail.com. As well, again next month we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Toy's-For-Tots program. Please bring your donations to next month's meeting.
Tom James had no new business for the club. Split-the-pot was drawn, and Tom ended the meeting at 7:50pm.

QCNCRS October Meeting Photos









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QCNCRS October Judging School Photos









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Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *December 6, 2026 – QCNCRS Annual Christmas Party, Aston Oaks Country Club*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *January 13-16, 2027 – 48th Annual Florida Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *April 8-10, 2027 – Carolinas Regional, Clemson, SC*
- *May 13-15, 2027 – Adirondack Regional, Albany, NY*
- *June 3-5, 2027 – North Central Regional, Rochester, MN*
- *August 1-5, 2027 – National Convention, French Lick, IN*



- *October 19-21, 2027 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*

CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

November 21-22
MCACN, Rosemont, IL

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2026 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Chapter Dues $20.00

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Last Name: _____

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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. True. 2. 1966. 3. False. 4 False. 5. False. 6. 1975.