# The Side Draft

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

October is here and the cooler weather is upon us. It feels great to take a classic car out before the weather changes and puts an end to the 2026 car show season.

We are fresh off of a great turnout at our annual picnic. Once again, we had perfect weather, just a little hot but the members and their cars turned out in large numbers. I think we had close to 20 cars and 60 members for a great gathering. The ladies again did a fantastic job at serving up a meal that was delicious, along with enough deserts to give our membership diabetes. Thank you again to everyone who attended and helped make the picnic the success it was.

We are now starting our annual bourbon raffle to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children in Dayton, Ohio. Last year we sold out the limited supply of 200 tickets for the raffle with us being able to donate $5,000.00 to the hospital. This donation moved our total donation to the Shriners Hospital to over $100,00.00 since we began our mission. This year, as in the past, we will still only sell 200 tickets at $50.00 each to win a six (6) bottle collection of Weller's bourbon. Second place is one (1) bottle of Eagle Rare, third place is one (1) bottle of EH Taylor Small Batch, and fourth

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## October Meeting Information

**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 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 2nd of each month. If it isn't here, we will publish without you.**

***Chairman's message – continued***

place is one (1) bottle of Woodford Reserve Special Edition. We need our members to sell tickets for this fundraiser with the drawing to take place at our Christmas party in December at Aston Oaks Golf Club. If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets but are unable to attend meetings, please contact either myself at twj@fuse.net or Terrie James tmjames7329@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

Our annual Christmas party is fast approaching and will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2026, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at the Aston Oaks Golf Club. The cost to attend is $60.00 per member and their spouse or guest which includes the cost of the event as well as your 2027 Queen City NCRS Chapter Membership Dues. Please watch for emails with further details and send your reservation in early. You don't want to miss out on all of the fun with your fellow Queen City members.

Lastly, our judging meet will take place on Saturday, October 10th at Kelsey Chevrolet in Greendale (Lawrenceburg), Indiana. This is the same locations as last year. We will be set up in the body shop drive through. We currently have seven (7) cars registered to judge so that means we need judges. We need at least 14 folks to help out with judging and tabulation for the day. Please look at your calendar to see if you are available to volunteer for the day. Even if you are not a seasoned judge, you still can play a valuable part in the process. Please contact Skip Polowy at skip67c2@gmail.com to register for judging. I am sure we will have a great meet and all who attend will enjoy the day with friends as well as possibly learn some new things about their cars.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. The location has yet to be determined so watch your emails and/or the website 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 steering wheel of 1977 Corvettes were moved 2 inches, 3 inches, or 4 inches closer to the dash?
2. What was the first year for two-toned exterior paint? 1956, 1958 or 1978.
3. The passenger "grab bar" on the dash top was not featured in 1967 Corvettes. True or False.
4. Mufflers or side pipes were available in 1966. True or False.
5. How many fuel injected Corvettes were built in 1957? 240, 600 or 1,640.
6. The 1990 CD/stereo system required electronic security code input after battery disconnect to discourage theft. True or False.

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## *Fun Facts …… Tom James*

To tell the world that the ZR1 Corvette was ready for international competition, 15 preproduction cars wearing full 1989 VIN tags were air freighted to Frankfurt, Germany, and unveiled to the international automotive press. For more than three weeks, journalists were set loose in the fleet on a pre-selected route in France that blended twisty mountain roads and high-speed highways intended to showcase the ZR1's handling, braking, and acceleration potential. It was one of the automotive industry's most elaborate vehicle launches. Predictably, there was an accident. An unnamed magazine editor became distracted while searching for the power window switch and drove into an embankment. He walked away, but the car was retired. The 1989 prerelease ZR1 features flush-fitting wheel center caps, an LT5 engine-code emblem attached to the passenger side rear corner of the bumper, and a flat-top dash pad.

## *From the Editor …… Bill Hetzer*

We need additional Technical Articles for the next few newsletters. If you are working on your Corvette, as 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.

## *September QCNCRS Meeting Minutes*

**…Kenn Bragg**

Horsepower Farm/Annual Club Picnic

Tom James, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm by thanking everyone for attending the picnic. This was one of the largest turnouts for the picnic in a long time. Tom also thanked Rick (Opie) Willis for the use of his facility for the event.

Tom then officially kicked off the annual bourbon raffle. There are four (4) prizes this year. First place will be all six colors of Wellers Bourbon. Second place is a 1.7lt bottle of Eagle Rare. Third place is a bottle of E.H. Taylor small batch. Fourth place is a bottle of Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby special edition. Only 200 tickets at $50.00 per ticket will be sold so your chances are pretty good that you will be a lucky winner.

Next, Tom reminded the club about the Judging meet on October 10th at Kelsey Chevrolet in Greendale (Lawrenceburg) Indiana. As of now there are 7 cars to be judged. Four cars are for Flight judging and three are in the open class. Skip Polowy, Judging Administrator, asked the group to help with judging for the event. Skip would love to have 14 judges on the 10th. He has 5 signed up so far. Cars may be brought the day before and will be staged inside the night before the show. If you are trailering your car, you may leave the trailer at the dealership overnight as well. If you would like to come and watch the judging, feel free to do so; it is interesting to see the process.

Tom James informed the Club that Pete Corcoran's wife Peggy received a new kidney this week and is doing well.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, informed us that we are currently at 83 members and holding steady. We are always willing to accept new members. Terrie then stated that next year's annual picnic will be on Sunday, September 19, 2027, and once again will be held at the

## *September QCNCRS Meeting Minutes*

**…Kenn Bragg (continued…)**

Horsepower Farm. She also reported that the annual Christmas Party is fast approaching and will be held at the Aston Oaks Country Club again this year. Emails will be forthcoming for this event. The cost to attend will once again be $50 per couple and will also include next year's dues.

Tom James then asked that we all introduce ourselves since there were several new members in attendance today.

Jamie Schworer, Treasurer, then gave her usual great itemization of our financial position for the month. The report was motioned for acceptance and seconded. The report was passed without opposition.

Tom James then asked Oppie to give us an overview of the work Horsepower Farm does to support charities. They help support veterans' organizations to help returning vets get the assistance and support they need. Opie and his wife Sue help raise funds for new police dogs and their training and are very involved with Toys-For-Tots program. They distributed toys for eight thousand children last year. The Horsepower Farm holds a monthly Cars and Coffee the first Saturday 11 months of the year.

Split-the-pot was drawn, and Tom James ended the meeting at 2:58 pm.

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## QCNCRS September Picnic Photos









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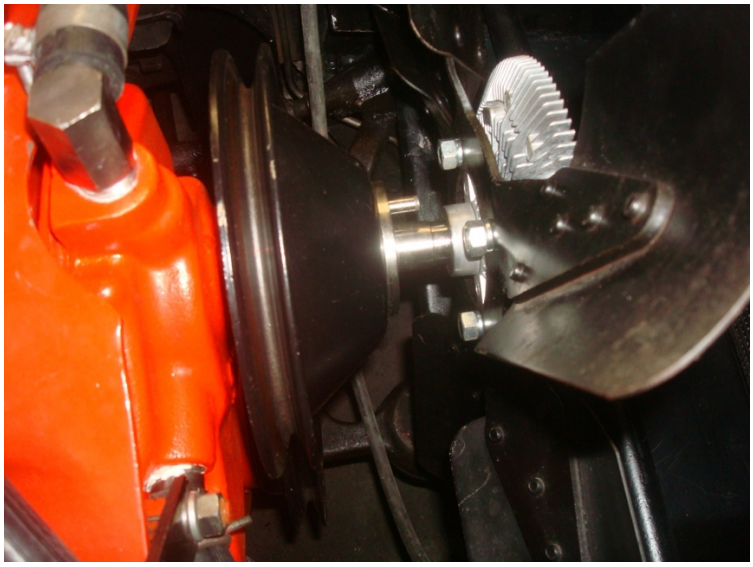

# Tech article on rubber hoses

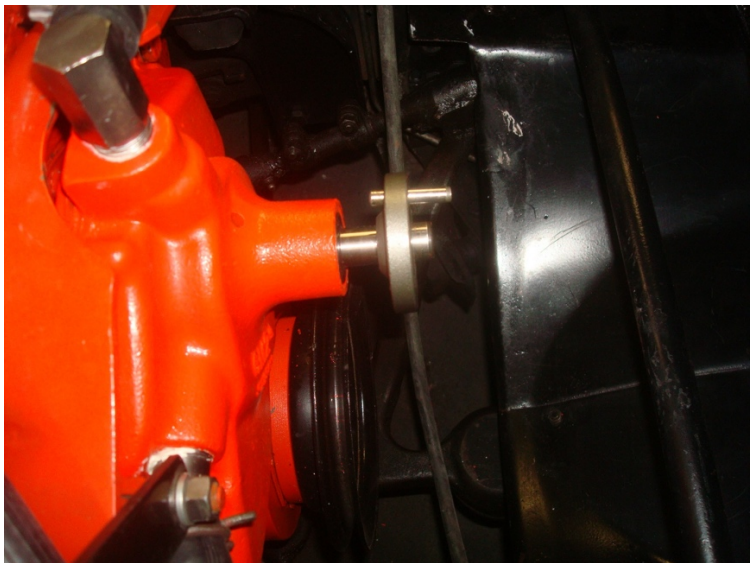
Here is an idea I have used for a long time and it helps to put on rubber and radiator hoses. This is especially useful for C-2 fuel line hoses which are thick walled. I use a hole alignment punch to stretch the end of the hose and use WD 40 oil to lubricate the hose end This lets the hose slide on easily and put the clamp in place. This also is good for other hoses like radiator Hoses using the WD 40 to help slide in place.



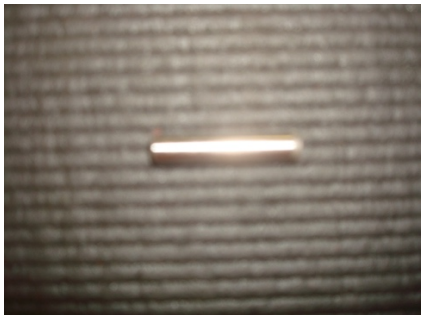

*Joe Eyl*

# Tech Article – Installing Engine Pulley & Fan





*When installing these parts, I use a quarter inch diameter by one inch dowel pin.*
*Put the pin in one of the screw holes and then put the pulley on and then put the fan assembly on next. It is easy to get the three screws started then take the pin out and put in the fourth screw.*
*This method is far easier than trying to line up the pulley and fan assembly.*



*Joe Eyl*

# Upcoming Events

## QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *October 10, 2026 - QCNCRS Chapter Judging Meet, Kelsey Chevrolet, Greendale, IN*
- *December 6, 2026 – QCNCRS Annual Christmas Party, Aston Oaks Country Club*

## NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *October 21-23, 2026 – Texas Regional, Frisco, TX*
- *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*




## CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS:

***October 2-4***

Pumpkin Run Nationals/Fastiques Rod & Custom Of Southern Ohio, Clermont Co. Fairgrounds, 1974 Or Older Autos Only.

***October 3***

15th Miami Historical Society Show, St. Rt. 128 & Mill St., Miamitown, Ohio, Reg. 8:00 AM-12 noon.

***October 4***

Robinson's Whitewater Rive Campground Surghun Festival Car show, 1618 State Road 121 South, Connersville, Indiana, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 noon.

17th Annual Donauschwaben Oktoberfest Car Show, Donauschwaben Society, 4290 Dry Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 noon, Show 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

***October 10***
Queen City NCRS Judging Meet, Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, Indiana, 8:00 AM

Sleepy Hollow Car Show, Paul Ogle Riverfront Park, 100 Ferry St., Vevay, Indiana, Reg. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

***October 17***
Black Walnut Festival Car Show, Downtown Camden, Ohio, Reg. 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Trunk Or Treat Car Show/Ohio Valley Cruisers, Hunter Park, 4021 St. Rt. 122, Franklin, Ohio, Reg. 2:00 PM-4:00 PM, Show 2:00 PM-6:00 PM.

***November 21-22***
MCACN, Rosemont, IL

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# QUEEN CITY CHAPTER
# 2026 CHAPTER REGISTRATION FORM

## Annual Chapter Dues $20.00

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**Last Name:** _____

**Spouse's Name:** _____

**Street Address:** _____

**City, State, Zip:** _____

**Home Phone:** _____

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**Email Address:** _____

***You must be an active member of NCRS to join a chapter.***

**National NCRS Number:** _____

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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. 2 inches. 2. 1956. 3. True. 4. True. 5. 1,640. 6. True.**