The Side Draft

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Chairman's Message..... Tom James

Well, I just returned from Corvettes At Carlisle and what a show it was. There were a record 3,300 cars on the field with another 1,000 registered that attended. It was a sea of Corvettes from C1's through C8's, stock to custom. The featured cars were the Grand Sports with a row of over 50 96's, all blue and red stripes. There were two (2) of the original five (5) factory race cars built solely for Le Man Racing on display. One is owned by Cincinnati native Harry Yeaggy. It was pretty cool to see both cars on display of the original five (5). One of the coupes just sold at Mecum Auctions in Monterey for $18.7 million. Everyone was treated to a drive-by of the convertible on Saturday afternoon as they made a lap of the event…Chevrolet racing history at its finest.

On another note, we had our steak grill-out cruise to the Shriner's of Southeastern Indiana Murat Lodge in Dillsboro, Indiana on August 21st with 18 cars on the cruise. The weather was perfect and the food was outstanding. After we ate, we gathered outside on the picnic tables adjacent to the building. We had quite a few new members in attendance and had each member introduce themselves and their

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September Meeting Information

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2026

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Horsepower Farm
2227 Trinity Drive
Middletown, Ohio 45044

This will be our annual Chapter Picnic/monthly meeting. All members and their spouse/guest are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. Each member attending is asked to bring a covered dish to share. The meat and drinks will be supplied by the Club.

So fuel up your Corvette, pack your chairs and covered dish, and drive your Corvette to this fun-filled day with Queen City Chapter members.

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

spouse/friend to the rest of the Club. It was interesting to learn how these members became interested in Corvettes and became members of our Chapter. We all left the lodge at around 8:00 PM and cruised back down US-50 toward Lawrenceburg, Indiana. A great night was had by all. Thanks to all who attended. We will be doing more of these types of events in the future.

Our next event coming up is the September picnic at the Horsepower Farm in Middletown, Ohio on Sunday, September 20th at 12:00 noon. Details will be coming in future emails. This is our largest member event with about 45-50 members participating, so if you are planning to attend this is a large Corvette driven event with plenty of parking and a great gathering of our members where we plan out our future activities.

Last but not least, our Chapter Judging Meet will be held on Saturday, October 10th at Kelsey Chevrolet in Greendale (Lawrenceburg), Indiana. We have three (3) cars registered and could use a few more. If you are thinking of having your car judged or if you are interested in judging at this event, please contact Skip Polowy at skip67c2@gmail.com to register now so that we can plan the day for lunch and ribbons in order to make this another great event for all to see the process and enjoy the day.

See everyone at the picnic on Sunday, September 20th at the Horsepower Farm, 2227 Trinity Drive, Middletown, Ohio 45044 at 12:00 noon.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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TERRIE'S CORVETTE TRIVIA Ans. on Last Page

1. Where was the glove box located in 1954? In the doors, between the seats or in the dash.
2. Powerglide transmissions were not available with 1.76 or 1.84 engines in 1964. True or False.
3. Rectangular exhaust ports were standard in 1972. True or False.
4. The last year of the "egg crate" mesh grille with amber lights was 1970, 1972 or 1974?
5. What was the first year for FM radios? 1960, 1963 or 1966.
6. The new front design featuring wrap-a-round parking – cornering – fog lamps came out in 1984, 1991, or 1996.

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Fun Facts ..... Tom James

Arkus-Duntov and the Chevrolet engineering dream team were firing on all cylinders as Corvette entered the 1970s. Beyond the mid-engine prototypes, GM's fascination with the Wankel rotary engine spawned the (also) mid-engine two-rotor concept car in 1973. The inclusion of the word "rotor" in its name was intended to draw immediate attention to its novel rotary engine. Pinifarina built the two-rotor car for General Motors in a frenzied 12-week blast. Under its Bill Mitchell-styled interior lay the platform of a Porsche 914. The 914-s mid-engine layout was a time-saving starting point for the XP897GT (as it was known internally). In the end, only Mazda and NSU embraced the Wankel engine in large scale, although General Motors also considered using it in the Chevy Vega and AMC Pacer. The 2-Rotor/XP897GT lives today in the hands of a caring collector.

QCNCRS Chapter Top Flight



The QCNCRS Chapter was awarded the Chapter Top Flight Award for 2025 at the Charleston SC National Convention. Joe Eyl accepted the award for the chapter. Congratulations and thank you to all the members that made this award possible!

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

…Kenn Bragg

August 18, 2026
George & Linda Swartz's Garage

Tom James, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:25pm. Tom thanked the Swartz's for hosting the meeting. Tom also thanked the members in attendance this evening. Tom proceeded to remind the members who are going to the Corvettes At Carlile event that Tom had booths B9, B10 and B11 at the event. Members who are bringing chairs can stop by for a cold drink and to rest a bit. As well, members can drop off any purchases at his tent, so swap purchases do not need to be carried all day.

The Nationals were last week and QCNCRS had a car represented there. Steve Henson and Rick Peters both won Topflight Awards in their respective classes at Altoona, Pennsylvania. Our club won the Topflight award again this year. Joe Eyl accepted the award for our Chapter. Joe was given our Chapter Topflight banner to display the newest award. Steve Henson and Rick Peters both scored a 4 Star rating in Altoona last week as well.

Tom told the group that the 2027 Nationals will be in French Lick, Indianna. He would like to see QCNCRS do a caravan to French Lick for the event to view the judging day next year and to support any members having cars judged.

Skip Polowy's 1957 Corvette was finished in time to be judged in the Open Class. Skip's '57 is a retromod and is a ground-up build with many exciting features. The front clip was replaced, and the rear-end is from a ZL1 Camaro. It has an LS motor and completely redesigned interior. The car is simply beautiful. It won an Emerald award in the Open Class. Skip also told the group about a new award starting this year. It's the Zora Award. A car must score 97 percent or higher in three judging meets to get the award. This award is for the Open Class cars.

Tom James also shared with the group that one of members, John Waggoner, received the Lifetime Achievement award at Nationals.

August QCNCRS Meeting Minutes

…Kenn Bragg (continued…)

George Denman, Webmaster, who is also serving as our Raffle Chairman, spoke to the group about the upcoming Bourbon raffle to benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children. George has the tickets printed and ready to start selling. There are 200 tickets which will be sold at $50 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the Clubs annual Christmas party in December. The prizes are: First prize all six colors of Wellers Bourbon, second prize is a 1.75 bottle of Eagle Rare, third prize a bottle of EH Taylor small batch, and the four prize is a bottle of Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby Spec.

Jamie Schworer, Treasurer, gave a detailed accounting of last month's financial report. There was a motion to accept the report and seconded. The report was passed without opposition.

Terrie James, Membership Chairperson, told the group that we lost one member last month. We currently are at 88 members. Terrie reminded the group that we are leaving this Friday the 21st at 5:30 sharp from the Kroger on the corner of 128 and US 50 for our cruise night to the Shriners lodge in Southeastern Indiana. Terrie ended with reminding Club members that the annual picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20th at the Horsepower Farm starting at noon. Please watch your emails for further information.

Skip Polowy reminded the Club about the October Judging Meet. We still only have three (3) cars signed up. We can handle up to eight (8) cars. We currently have one judge signed up, so please sign up soon to judge or register your car as soon as possible.

Tom James finished the meeting by telling the Club that we have two sets of books dating back to the first meeting being donated by George Swartz. We will be auctioning off one set, and we will decide later on the distribution of the second set.

Split-the-pot was drawn, and Tom James ended the meeting at 8:11pm.

QCNCRS August Meeting Photos









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QCNCRS National Convention Photos

QCNCRS member earns top Open Class Award



QCNCRS member Skip Polowy's 1957 custom Corvette earned the top Emerald Award at the National Convention.



QCNCRS National Convention Photos



QCNCRS member Jerry Hilbert once again led the road trip to the National Convention.



QCNCRS member John Waggoner participating in Judging.



QCNCRS members Dave and Tracy King at the NCRS booth

QCNCRS Shriners Road Trip







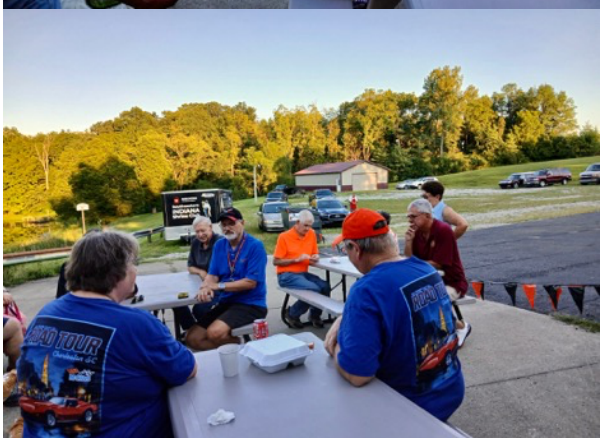


QCNCRS Shriners Road Trip









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QCNCRS @ Carlisle



QCNCRS member Dave King at the NCRS booth



Corvettes creating an American Flag display

QCNCRS @ Carlisle



QCNCRS members Rick Peters and George Denman stop by Tom and Terrie James booth



Two original Grand Sport Corvettes on display

Upcoming Events

QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *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*

NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *September 17-19, 2026 – Intermountain Regional, Spokane, WA*
- *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:

September 3-5, 2026
Auburn Auction & Show, Worldwide Auctioneers Headquarters, 5634 Opportunity Blvd, Auburn, Indiana.

September 4-5, 2026
Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show, Clark Co. Fairgrounds, 1-70 Exit 59, Springfield, Ohio, 7:00 AM-5:00 PM

September 6, 2026
High Grain Car Show/Hilltoppers Car Club, High Grain Brewery, 9176 Winton Road, Finneytown, Ohio, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

September 7, 2026
Headin' For The Hill Car Show, 1646 Or 1949 W Galbraith Road, North College Hill, Ohio, 12:00-4:00 PM.

September 12, 2026
18th Village Green Car Show, Fairfield Auto Fest/Fairfield Park/Barry Brown Paving, Village Green Park, 301 Wessel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio, 3:30-10:00 PM

Harrison VFW Duwel Post 7570, 9160 Lawrenceburg Road, Harrison, Ohio, 3:00-5:00 PM Registration.

Montgomery Car Show, Montgomery Square Plaza, 9999 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, Ohio, 4:00-7:00 PM.

September 13, 2026
Beavercreek Popcorn Festival Car Show, Shoup Park, 1341 Meadowbridge Drive, Beavercreek, Ohio, 9:00-3:00 PM.

Corn Festival Car Show, Clinton County Fairgrounds, Wilmington, Ohio, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

September 19, 2026
Newport Elks Car & Bike Show, 3704 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, Kentucky, Reg. 12:00 PM, Show 1:00 PM-4:00 PM.

Delhi Street Rodders Car Show, VFW Duwel Post 7570, Cabana On the Whitewater, 9160 Lawrenceburg Road, Harrison, Ohio, Reg. 3:00-5:00 PM, Show 3:00-7:00 PM.

19th Annual Party At The Ranch Car Show, 3472 Lebanon Road, South Lebanon, Ohio.

September 20, 2026
Dillsboro Main Street Veterans Car Show, Dillsboro Community Park, 9495 Front Street, Dillsboro, Indiana, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Show 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Open Show/Ohio Valley GTO Assn., Tom Gill Buick GMC, 6720 Gilmore Road, Hamilton, Ohio, Reg. 9:30 AM-12:00 PM.

September 26, 2026
Lawrenceburg Fall Music Fest Car Show/River City Classics Car Club, Downtown Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

September 27, 2026
Downtown Throwdown, Downtown Main Street Batavia, Ohio, Open Show, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Show 12:00 PM-3:00 PM.

Cheviot Classic Car Show, Harvest Home Park, 3961 North Bend Road, Cheviot, Ohio, Reg. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Show 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

7th James Miller Memorial Car Show, Heritage Oak Park, 4601 US-42, Mason, Ohio, Reg. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

November 21-22
MCACN, Rosemont, IL

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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. In the Doors. 2. True. 3. True. 4. 1972. 5. 1963. 6. 1991.