



# *The Side Draft*

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

Here we are at the end of 2023, looking at the new year 2024; 365 new days, 365 new chances. Last year was a good year for our Chapter. Our membership held on to the same amount of members that we had in 2022. Rumor has it that many chapters are losing members, and no new members are signing on. I hope we can keep our Chapter interesting enough for us to possibly grow a little in 2024 with all indications that the COVID signs are behind us.

I hope that our monthly meetings have provided our members with some entertainment and a chance to learn something that they might not have been able to if they were not part of our Chapter. This year I hope to find some new places to have the monthly meetings that again provide a night out with your Queen City NCRS Chapter friends and that we all learn something new.

Our annual swap meet is fast approaching and will be held on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Kelsey Chevrolet in Greendale, Indiana. This will be our second year at this new location. Last year's event came off pretty smoothly without a lot of mistakes. The monthly meeting in January will be at Kelsey so if you are able, please attend so we can go over the game plan and take

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## ***January Meeting Information***

**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 PM

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

**Phone:** 812-777-5357

**Website:** [kelseychev.com](http://kelseychev.com)

**We will be discussing our upcoming swap meet in March, so all members are encouraged to attend.**

## ***QCNCRS Website Information***

<https://qc.ncrs.org/>

**Webmaster:** George Denman [gc@ncrs.org](mailto:gc@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*

any suggestions from our members which they may wish to make. We again need volunteers to man (or woman) the doors, set up, vending, swap people, etc. I think this year will be better than last because the public now knows where we have moved to, and our new flier is more eye catching than in years past. Raffle tickets have started to move so make your commitment early to sell those tickets; we need to hit our goal of \$6,000.00 in ticket sales. Again, all of the money collected in raffle tickets goes to the Ohio Shriners' Hospital for Children to offset care costs for critically injured children.

If you have not yet paid your yearly Queen City NCRS Chapter dues, please do so before January 31, 2024. You have the option of paying your Chapter dues on the [ncrs.org](http://ncrs.org) web site by using a credit card or PayPal. If you prefer to pay by check, please submit a check in the amount of **\$20.00 made payable to Queen City NCRS as soon as possible.** You may mail this check to the attention of Terrie James, 7329 Southpointe Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233.

Both my wife Terrie and I were unfortunately unable to attend the fabulous Christmas gala due to Terrie falling down our basement steps. She tumbled down all 13 of them. It could have been much worse, but she only sustained a broken wrist and nose. After a trip to the emergency room, we only had a short time before the party; once again our members kicked in to save the day. Thanks to Chris Rockenfield and Bill Hetzer for subbing for us. Everyone said that the wives chipped in, and the games came off without a glitch. Both Terrie and I appreciate the cards, emails and text wishing her a speedy recovery. She is doing well, using her left hand (she is right hand dominant) and can now write her name left-handed. It does not look like a 3-year-old wrote it any longer. Thanks again to all; it meant a lot to us during this critical time.

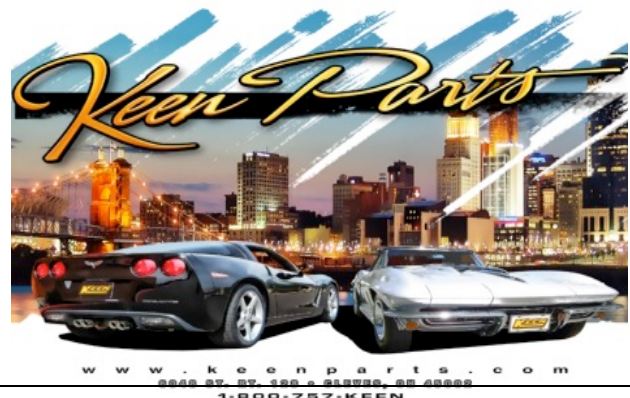
I hope to see everyone at the Kelsey meeting in January.

Save The Wave!

Tom

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## ***Fun Facts ..... Tom James***

Something new appeared of the shift handle of 4-speed Corvettes in 1959: a chromed reverse-lockout T-handle located between the boot and the ball. Spring loaded; it prevented accidental engagement of the Reverse gear unless the driver deliberately lifted the T with his fingers. Of the 9,670 Corvettes built in 1959, 4,175 were 4-speeds. Interestingly, 1959 marked the first year that 4-speed transmissions were available in Chevy full-sided passenger cars, but their spindly swizzle-stick shift handles lacked a reverse-lockout function until 1964.

Arkus-Duntov always considered safety a priority, having seen his share of tragic racing accidents. In 1955, Arkus-Duntov was racing a Porsche 550 Spyder at Le Mans when Pierre Levegh's Mercedes-Benz 300SLR crashed into the grandstands, killing him, 80 spectators, and the Mercedes-Benz factory race program for many years. In 1958, Corvettes arrived from the factory with seat belts as standard equipment, almost a decade before federal mandates forced their inclusion on other Chevrolets and the entire auto industry.

## ***Newsletter Advertising Rates***

Business Card – 2x3.5

\$25.00 / month or \$275.00 / year

Quarter Page

\$40.00 / month or \$350.00 / year

Half Page

\$75.00 / month or \$600.00 / year

Full Page

\$150.00 / month or \$1,200.00 / year

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\$500.00 / year with direct website link

**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. Was the body material for the 1980 Corvette steel or fiberglass?
2. The ZR-1 factory racing option in 1971 included a copper or aluminum radiator?
3. When was the first time Corvette discontinued convertibles? Jan. 1969, July 1975, or Dec. 1980
4. A four-speed transmission was available in the 1982 Corvette. True or False.
5. Dolby sound was available in 1984. True or False.
6. What was the first year dual four-barrel carbureted engines? 1955, 1956, or 1960.



## ***December QCNCRS Meeting Minutes***

**..... Tom Smith**

Ashton Oaks Country Club

Chris Rockenfield co-chairman took the floor and welcomed everyone to the Christmas Party for QCNCRS. Tom James and Terri James could not make it because Terri had an accident, and they were at the hospital. Chris asked that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Diner was first and everyone enjoyed it.

Chris took the floor again and announced the awards for members were going to be given out. The most driven member was George Denaman. The member of the year was John Waggoner. Perfect attendance was given out to Steve Barrett, and Jerry Hilbert, plus a few more. Chris thanked Tom and Terri for all they have done to help make this club what it is today. He thanked Barb Hilbert for all she does keeping the finances moving along. Chris thanked Joe Eyl for all the knowledge and technical support he provides every year. Including George Denaman for taking care of the web site, and people like Steve Barrett for reaching out to other clubs and supplying information.

Chris gave a big shout out to Lisa Ballard for putting up with John Ballard, who informed us of so many things about Corvettes and practices that went on when these cars were being built; thanked him for all the things he taught him, and everyone in this chapter. John thank you for all that you have done for this organization. Bill Hetzer, thank you for putting the newsletter together, and everything you do.

Now we hand out the questions for the men, and the word puzzle for the ladies. Chris asked all the ladies to put their names on the top of the sheet. Cathy Clements collected them at the end. After the allotted time Chris asked the gentlemen to answer the questions, and Pete Cochran was

## ***December QCNCRS Meeting Minutes***

**..... Tom Smith (continued...)**

the most knowledgeable man of the year. Three ladies tied for the word puzzle, so their names were put into a hat, and Maureen won.

Remember the swap meet flyers are here to hand out, and everyone needs to sell \$50 worth of raffle tickets. We are the greatest organization for donations in the country, and we have a fine group of members.

Split the pot was drawn, and Chris announced the winners.

Remember to keep Tom and Terri in your prayers.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season. Meeting was adjourned.





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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.qc.ncrs.org/>

**QCNCRS December Meeting Photos**



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## Upcoming Events

### QUEEN CITY NCRS CHAPTER EVENTS:

- *March 17, 2024 - Queen City NCRS Indoor Swap Meet And Car Show, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM, Kelsey Chevrolet, 1105 E. Eads Parkway, Greendale, Indiana 47025*

### NCRS NATIONAL EVENTS:

- *January 18 - 20, 2024 - Florida 45th Winter Regional, Melbourne, FL*
- *March 14-18, 2024 - NCRS National Judging Retreat, Texas*
- *April 11-13, 2024 – SCC Regional, Las Vegas, NV*
- *May 2-4, 2024 - Heartland Regional, Cedar Rapids, IA*
- *May 31-June 1, 2024 - New England Regional, Marlborough, MA*
- *August 4 - 8, 2024 - NCRS National Convention, Hampton Roads, VA*
- *September 7-11, 2025 - NCRS National, South Pointe Casino, Las Vegas, NV*

### CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS: (Stuff for Car Guy's and Gal's)

- *January 12-14, 2024 - 64th Annual O'Reilly Cavalcade Of Customs, Cincinnati Convention Center (Duke Energy Center).*
- *January 20, 2024 - Butler County Winter Swap Meet/Tri-State F-100 Club, Butler County Fairgrounds, 1715 Fairgrove Avenue, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.*
- *August 21-23, 2024 - Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*
- *More Ohio local events: <https://www.olderide.com/events/state/ohio>*



# INDOOR SWAP MEET AND CAR EXPO



## WHEN:

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## WHERE:

Kelsey Chevrolet

1105 E. Eads Parkway

Greendale (Lawrenceburg), IN 47025



**GATE ADMISSION: \$5.00**

Proudly donating  
over \$80,000 from  
this event to:



**Shriners  
Children's  
Ohio**



## HOSTED BY:

**Queen City Chapter Of  
The National Corvette  
Restorers Society**

## WHAT TO KNOW:

**Swap spaces sold  
out the last 13 years!  
Many classic GM  
parts.**

**Food, split-the-pot,  
major award; all on-  
site at this event.**

## COME VEND WITH US:

**\$25.00 for 100 sq/ft  
space but you must  
register in advance.**

## HOW TO REGISTER:

**Registration form on the  
reverse side.**

**Call Tom James at  
513-377-8182 for more  
information.**

**E-mail completed forms:  
[tmjames@fuse.net](mailto:tmjames@fuse.net)**



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Contact Tom James with the Queen City NCRS with any questions at 513-377-8182 or e-mail [twj@fuse.net](mailto:twj@fuse.net).

Completed registrations should be mailed to 7329 Southpointe Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233. Checks should be made payable to "QCNCRS".

Registration confirmations will be sent to the above e-mail address with further event details.

## 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 2024 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.**