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Did you know? The 2025 Corvette lineup introduced exciting updates like new exterior colors—Competition Yellow Tintcoat and Hysteria Purple Metallic—and a redesigned Z51 rear spoiler that spans the full width of the Stingray for improved aerodynamics and visual impact. Interior enhancements included the debut of the Habanero color scheme and blue custom stitching on black leather, plus a leather-wrapped steering wheel airbag cover now standard on lower trims. These refinements kept the C8 fresh while paving the way for something bigger.

Fast forward to 2026, and the Corvette cabin gets a full redesign. Gone is the polarizing “wall of buttons”—replaced by a sleek, driver-centric layout featuring three digital screens: a 14-inch driver display, a 12.7-inch center console, and a new 6.6-inch auxiliary touchscreen. The wireless charging pad shifts to a more accessible location, and new interior themes like Santorini Blue and Asymmetrical Adrenaline Red add flair. Outside, Roswell Green Metallic and Blade Silver join the paint palette, while aero upgrades include a Carbon Flash-painted three-stanchion high wing spoiler and body-color rockers and splitters. The Corvette continues to evolve—blending performance with cutting-edge design.



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A couple positions remain vacant, the **Club Historian** and the **Parliamentarian**. Please go to our website <https://greaterdaytoncorvettes.org/> and review the Constitution for details of these positions and we encourage you to consider volunteering.

A reminder for all GDCC members, Corvette Care, a Corvette only shop with over 50 years of experience working on and restoring Corvettes sponsored for our car show this year with a \$500 Donation AND has agreed to offer all GDCC members a 10% Discount for any service performed. All they do is Corvettes. I spoke to many people at Bud's who use them (including me!). Please consider them for your future service or modifications as well as Bud's Chevrolet, our long-time club sponsor.



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Presidents Corner

Some people call this time of the year the Dog Days of Summer because it is typically taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer. If you check with Wikipedi, the “dog” part refers to rising of the star system Sirius (known colloquially as the "Dog Star")...who knew?

To Corvette enthusiasts the Dog Days of Summer means, driving with the top down to fun places like car shows, dinners, parades and picnics....and that's just what our Greater Dayton Corvette Club has done the last few weeks. Much appreciation goes to several of our club members who have organized, coordinated, hosted and led the fun activities so far this summer...and there is more to come. Check out the website, Facebook and newsletter for upcoming activities.

And if you need a little more Corvette fun on a hot, Dog Day of Summer, check out the 1978 movie, [Corvette Summer](#) starring Mark Hamill and Annie Potts. The plot may be a little weak, but there's plenty of fun car chases and stunts.

Stay cool Corvette Friends,

Tom



NCM Updates

For this month update we wanted to provide you with an update on the new Corvette Museum sweepstakes. The sweepstakes prize is a restored **1967 Greenwood Green Convertible**. The sweepstakes option is different from the raffle options (see update below on those). The difference between a raffle and sweepstake is that a sweepstakes is open to all persons 18 and over, nationwide, and no donation or purchase is required to enter, however, you can still donate to the museum and increase the number of chances to win when you enter. Sweepstakes levels are as follows:

Donation Amount:

\$25- 18 Entries	\$50- 40 Entries	\$100-90 Entries	\$200- 200 Entries
\$350- 400 Entries	\$500- 650 Entries	\$1,000- 1,750 Entries	\$2000- 4,000 Entries

You can enter the sweepstakes without a donation and receive 18 Entries. Please see the Museum website for details on how you can enter and win this classic Corvette! <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/1967-corvette-convertible-sweepstakes/>. **You DO NOT have to be in Kentucky to enter the sweepstakes, you can do it right from the website and get your entry tickets right then.**

Current Raffles: Go to <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/> where you can buy tickets even if you are not in Kentucky.

- **2026 Blasé Silver Coupe- Tickets are \$150- 1500 Available for the drawing- August 14**
- **2025 2LT Red Mist Couple- Tickets are \$20- Unlimited available- August 30**
- **2026 Competition Yellow- Tickets are \$100 – 2000 Available for the drawing- September 18**
- **2026 Riptide Blue Convertible- Tickets are \$200- 1500 Available- October 23**

If you/re not a member of the NCM yet I hope you consider joining this year. I encourage you to take a trip to Bowling Green and tour the museum and check out the MCM Motorsports Park. Want to know why you got a Corvette? Go take it out on the track and you'll know why!

Memberships start at just \$60 (\$100 for a family) and even one visit will about pay for itself. Please go the NCM website and find out more about how YOU can support the Corvette legacy.



Remember, the Corvette Museum 31st Anniversary Celebration is **August 28-30**, and the Museum is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Our club can earn Ambassador points when you volunteer for any events so please let Greg Fagan know if you are volunteering at the NCM.



GDCC CALENDAR

Upcoming Corvette/Car Show Events

August

2- GDCC Club Picnic- Hobson Park Fairborn- 12 PM

2- Dayton Cars and Coffee- Austion Landing, 8-11 AM

2- Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee- Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-12

9- Ft Thomas Corvette Club- All Car show- Newport, KY, 8:30-2 PM

9- Wings Wheels Crafts, Clinton County Airport, Car show hours 10-2

23- GDCC Corvettes and Coffee- Air Force Museum

21-23- Corvettes at Carlise, Carlisle PA

30- Dayton Cars and Coffee- Austin Landing

28-30- NCM 31st Anniversary Celebration- NCM, Bowling Green KY

September

1- Holiday at Home Parade- Kettering

6- Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee- Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-12

7- Ohio Corvette Alliance Car Show- Lancaster

14- Dayton Concours D' Elegance- Carillon Park

19- MidAmerica Fun Fest- Effingham, Ill

27- Dayton Cars and Coffee- Austin Landing

October

4- Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee- Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-1

12- National Road CC gathering at Springfield Township Hall

November

1-Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee-Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-12

5-8-Vets N Vettes- NCM Bowling Green, KY

December

6-Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee-Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-12



GDCC CLUB CALENDAR

2025 GDCC Monthly Meeting Dates- TJ Chumps Fairborn- 7 PM		2025 Special Meeting Dates
January 15	July 16	Executive Board-
February 19	August 20	February 13
March 19	September 17	Officer Nominations-
April 16	October 15	November 18
May 21	November 18	Officer Elections-
June 18	December 17	December 17
2025 Monthly Dinners Out		
January- N/A		
February- 27 th - Hosted by Michael and Vicki Stewart- Chop House, Centerville, 6 PM		
March- 26 th - Hosted by Paul and Nancy Combs- Jimmie's Italian Kitchen, Kettering, 6 PM		
April- 30 th - Hosted by Tom and Star Brooks- Bennet's Pubical Family Sports Grill, Miamisburg		
May- 23 rd - Hosted by Bill and Caroline Buckey- Rip Rap Roadhouse, Huber Heights- 4 PM		
June- 11 th - Hosted by Larry and Teresa Kopa- El Mason, West Carrollton, 6 PM		
July- 22 nd - Hosted by Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker- Jimmie's Italian- Dayton, 5:30 PM- (Former Franco's location on 5 th Street downtown)		
August- 23 rd - Hosted by Greg and Angela Rafuse- Do Good, Osgood OH, 2 PM- An hour or so away- caravan details emailed		
September- 19 th Hosted by Bob and Freddie Haugh, Ann and Tony's, West Jefferson, 6:15 PM		
October- 4 th , Hosted by Alex and Sherry Temple, World Equestrian Center, Wilmington, Meet 1:40 pm Ceasar Creek Boat Ramp to caravan- 2-5 tour, shopping, Dinner at 5PM		
November- TBD- Hosted by Dean and Carol Tavener		
December- TBD		

You can always check out the calendar in real time on the Greater Dayton Corvette Club website!

[Events - Greater Dayton Corvette Club](#)

GDCC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JULY 2025

Greater Dayton Corvette Club July 16, 2025

- President Tom Brooks called the meeting to order and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and then Tom thanked the servers
- Welcome Guest, Introduction of New Members and/or New Cars
 - 38 members in attendance
 - Any Guests? Welcome new members: Danielle Frits and Thomas Brewster, Chad and Karen Stout, and Brian and Joan Wilhite who joined in June (who have a C7)
- Announcements
 - Thank you to all of you who supported, volunteered and donated to our recent annual Corvette Car Show. It was another great success for the club. A re-cap was sent via email.
 - Thank you to Rudy and Nancy Oliver for coordinating and leading the GDCC members for the Centerville Americana Festival Parade. We had 26 cars participating. Also, we appreciate that the Oliver's also arranged for lunch at Old Scratch Pizza afterwards.
 - The Executive Board received resignation notices via email from Vicki Stewart in June and from Michael Stewart in July. Vicki served as the Social Committee Chairperson and Michael was the Club Treasurer. Both did good work for the Club and we appreciate their time serving in leadership positions. We encourage other members to join the e-club for any position available.
- Nancy Combs has stepped up to serve as the Social Committee Chairperson. Nancy has been a member of the Social Committee along with Star Brooks. Both will continue to plan, organize and communicate events for the club and welcome others to help. Thank you, Nancy!
- Nancy Oliver has stepped up to serve as the interim Treasurer for the remainder of this year. Thank you, Nancy!
- Call for Officer and Committee Reports by Vice-President, Pat Moseley (Tom filled in for Pat as he had no voice)
 - Secretary Report – Barbara Souza - Larry Kopa motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes
 - Treasurer Report – an email was provided with some details from the Car Show. With the change in treasurers, there are some transfers to be done with bank accounts, etc.
- Social – Nancy Combs
 - Club Picnic – August 2nd, Noon, Hobson Park Fairborn. Details to follow in email. The club will supply chicken and table settings. Members bring dessert or side dishes.
 - If anyone wants to help with the Social Committee or take over, reach out to Nancy Combs.
 - Calendar is on the Website for all the social events and in the newsletter. Nancy indicated there was no need to read a list of events as you can visit the website calendar available online.
 - Donna Tucker spoke about details for July dinner.

- Membership – Carol Tavener - as of tonight we have 177 members. Thanked those members that helped with the door prizes (69) at the car show. Raffling off unclaimed prizes tonight.
- Email/Web Services – Greg Rafuse
 - No new info at this time.
- Public Relations – Greg Fagan
 - DCC All-Corvette Cars and Coffee – July 19th 9am – Noon, National Museum of the USAF - lost coffee truck for Cars n Coffee. Will pick up Coffee and Donuts but will be sure the weather will be okay before doing so. Check Facebook for status on weather. Tom will bring the canopies and some music.
 - Newsletter - working on revamping. If members have any articles they would like to contribute to the Newsletter - send to Greg Fagan. Would like to receive info 10 days before the next meeting.
 - Facebook - 22,000 engagements and 1500 followers. .
- National Corvette Museum Ambassador – Greg Fagan
 - Synopsis in newsletter explaining new Point System. Because of our Club's Lifetime Membership, we have 6 passes available for the museum. We may have more with the new points system.
 - Raffles:
 - 2025 Torch Red Convertible- Tickets are \$200- 1500 Available for the drawing- July 31
 - 2026 Blasé Silver Coupe- Tickets are \$150- 1500 Available for the drawing - August 14
 - 2025 2LT Red Mist Couple- Tickets are \$20- Unlimited available- August 30

- Old Business
 - Annual GDCC Car Show – Sunday, June 22, 11am – 3pm. Main St. Fairborn outside of Giovanni's. We had over 125 cars (and 1 bat mobile). We took in nearly \$2,800 from the day which included attendee registrations, 50/50 sales and pick-a-prize raffle sales. We also received \$500 from Corvette Cares and Giovanni reimbursed the Club for the cost of our dash plaques given to attendees. Will add \$239.00 from tonight's ticket sales for the raffle of left over door prizes and pick-a-prizes.
 - Thank you to the Committee leads: Carol and Dean Tavener, Barbara and Alex Souza, Nancy and Paul Combs, Dennis DeHaan and Pat Moseley.
 - Thank you to Nancy Winterbotham for coordinating the DJ and to Judy and Herbie Smith for providing tips and reminders for running the car show.
 - And as already mentioned, thank you to the many member volunteers who helped at the show and/or donated cash and prizes. Without your help and support, our show would not have been as organized, as much fun for attendees and as financially successful – which allows our Club to give-back to various charities at the end of the year.
 - Donna Tucker read a letter from Ft. Thomas club about attending the car show. We should put together a convoy to their show in the fall.
 - Name Tags - If anyone needs a name tag, see Star Brooks

- Judy Smith expressed concerns with certain aspects of how the car show was handled.. Donna Tucker expressed her opposing feelings. Star Brooks expressed her appreciation to all for sharing. Freddie Haugh brought up a situation from the Centerville Americana Parade about member/non-member participation which led to much discussion and Star said the issue would be reviewed further.
- New Business and Reminders
 - DCC All-Corvette Cars and Coffee – July 19th 9am – Noon, National Museum of the USAF
 - Carol Tavener has GDCC Club business cards. Take some to hand out to prospective members and invite them to a meeting.
 - Window Clings available to all members. Thanks to Dennis DeHaan. See Star to get your Cling. Proudly display on your windshield.
- 50/50 Raffle – Nancy Combs \$136 collected; \$68.00 split. Much discussion on why a “server” needs to pull the ticket. Rudy Oliver won.
- Additional Raffle of leftover car show door prizes – Carol Tavener. Carol announced she and Dean are retiring from Door Prize committee and invites someone else to step up and take over.
- Tom called for a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Next meeting August 20, 7PM, T.J. Chumps

LET'S SEE WHAT AI HAS TO SAY ABOUT...

With the use of Artificial Intelligence there is so much information right at your fingertips! Let's see what AI has to say this month about the C6 Corvette!

My question to COPILOT: I need a one - two-page article for my newsletter that discusses the C4 corvette and how it represented a big leap forward in performance over the C3 generation, especially in the later years of the production. A table with comparison of things like horsepower and torque, 0-60 times, etc compared to the C3 would be good too.

THE C4 CORVETTE: A QUANTUM LEAP IN PERFORMANCE

When Chevrolet unveiled the C4 Corvette in 1984, it marked more than just the beginning of a new generation—it was a bold reimagining of America's sports car. Compared to the aging C3, which had soldiered on since 1968, the C4 was a technological and performance revolution. By the time the C4 bowed out in 1996, it had transformed the Corvette from a muscle-bound cruiser into a precision-engineered sports car worthy of global respect.

ENGINEERING OVERHAUL

The C3's final years were hampered by tightening emissions regulations and outdated architecture. While its styling remained iconic, performance had plateaued. The C4 changed all that. It introduced:

- A completely new chassis with a uniframe structure for improved rigidity
- Modern independent rear suspension for vastly better handling
- Digital instrumentation and advanced electronics
- Aerodynamic bodywork that sliced through the air with purpose
- The early C4s started modestly, but by the mid-1990s, the Corvette was packing serious heat. The introduction of the LT1 engine in 1992 and the legendary LT4 in 1996 gave the C4 its final flourish—bringing horsepower and torque figures that left the C3 in the dust.
- **PERFORMANCE COMPARISON: C3 VS C4**

Specification	1972 C3 (350 V8)	1984 C4 (L83)	1992 C4 (LT1)	1996 C4 (LT4)
Horsepower (hp)	250	205	300	330
Torque (lb-ft)	280	290	340	340
0–60 mph (sec)	~6.9	~6.7	~5.3	~5.0
Quarter Mile (sec)	~14.3 @ 92 mph	~15.0	~13.9	~13.5
Top Speed (mph)	~125	~140	~160	~170

- *Note: Figures vary slightly depending on transmission and trim.*

LEGACY OF THE C4

The C4 didn't just outperform the C3—it redefined what a Corvette could be. It laid the groundwork for the C5's transaxle layout and further refinement, but the leap from C3 to C4 remains one of the most dramatic in Corvette history. From raw numbers to driving feel, the C4 was the moment the Corvette stopped looking backward and started chasing the future.

HOW ABOUT SOME IMAGES OF C4 CORVETTES!

