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Did you know? Every August, the quiet town of Carlisle, Pennsylvania transforms into a mecca for Corvette enthusiasts during the annual *Corvettes at Carlisle* event—the largest all-Corvette gathering in the world. Founded in 1982 by Bill and Chip Miller, this iconic show has grown to feature nearly 3,000 Corvettes on display, spanning every generation from the classic C1 to the cutting-edge C8. It's not just a car show—it's a celebration of America's sports car legacy, complete with autocross races, restoration showcases, and even a Corvette-only parade through historic downtown Carlisle.

The 2025 event was one of the most expansive yet, covering 82 acres and hosting over 500 Corvettes in the downtown parade alone. Attendees explored a bustling midway packed with vendors like Zip Corvette, Corvette America, and Meguiar's, while swap meets and car corrals offered treasures for every taste. Special displays included the Chip's Choice ZR1 showcase and the NCRS Gallery of factory-correct classics. Notably, the event also supported local charities through fundraising efforts tied to the parade and community street party, reinforcing Carlisle's role not just as a Corvette hub, but as a generous host to thousands of enthusiasts each year.



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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.

CLUB SPONSORS

A reminder for all GDCC members, Bud's Chevrolet has been a long-time sponsor of our club and we hope you will consider them if you are planning to purchase a new or used Corvette or need service. They provide \$2,400 a year in support to our club. Reach out to Jim Hendricks at jim@budschevy.com or (800) 688-2837

Also, Corvette Care, a Corvette only shop with over 50 years of experience working on and restoring Corvettes sponsored our car show this year with a \$500 Donation AND offer all GDCC members a 10% Discount for any service performed. All they do is Corvettes. Please consider them for your future service needs as well. ryan@corvettecare.com or (614) 985-0753 or (614)-495-8999

Presidents Corner

Presidents Corner

Here we are in September already. The kids are back in school, football games are on, and Pumpkin Spice is everywhere. Fall is just around the corner and soon the leaves will be turning. Fall is a wonderful time to take Corvette ride – actually, anytime is a good time for a Corvette ride, right?

Be sure to check out the new website for a list of activities in September and October. There are dinners, a trip to the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, Game Night and Social time with our neighbor Corvette Club in Springfield. Lots of opportunities for fun, food and Corvette fellowship.

Also, looking ahead, October is the month our Club was incorporated...October 22nd, 1964, is the official date. Last year we celebrated our 60th anniversary. This year will be our 61st anniversary. Cheers to 61 years!

If anyone has any photos, articles or stories of the early years of the Club, please send them to me so that we can organize them in some way and share with members. It will be fun to see GDCC through the years.

Enjoy Fall and some Pumpkin Spice drinks too! Hope to see you soon.

Tom



NCM Updates

Reminder about 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.**

If you are donating, use the code **DAYTON** when filling out your entry to get an additional 20% more entries and help our club gain additional ambassador points.

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

- **2026 Competition Yellow- Tickets are \$100 – 2000 Available for the drawing- September 18**
- **2026 Riptide Blue Convertible- Tickets are \$200- 1500 Available- October 23**
- **2026 Arctic White Coupe- Tickets are \$150- 1500 Available- November 20**
- **2026 Torch Red Coupe- Tickets are \$20- Unlimited Available- April 25, 2026**

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.





GDCC CALENDAR

Upcoming Corvette/Car Show Events

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
- 4- NRCC/Steve Austin Group All Car Show- Bellefontaine, 10-2
- 10- GDCC Game Night- TJ Chumps, 6-9
- 11- Spooky in Sticks- HP Farm, 6-9
- 12- National Road CC gathering at Springfield Township Hall**
- 25- Dayton Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing

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
- 6- GDCC Christmas Party, 5-9- Details to come!



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

AUGUST 2025

Greater Dayton Corvette Club
Aug 20, 2025

Tom Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. 43 members in attendance.

- Welcome new members: David and Amy Carter, Ted and Colleen Cassell, Anthony and Brenda Montecalvo, and Jamie & Jonathan Warnken who joined since our last meeting. David and Amy and Jamie were at the Ft. Thomas show with us.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Greg and Debbie Fagan for organizing the Club's Meet and Greet days at the National Museum of the Air Force in July and August (upcoming). It was Greg's idea to start these informal Corvette gatherings at the AF Museum and he and Debbie have done a great job organizing. Attendance continues to be good. Mark your calendar for the last one of the season, this Saturday.
- Thank you to Donna Tucker and Dan Gorby for hosting the July Dinner out Jimmie's Italian in downtown Dayton. It was a lovely evening with good food and with 44 Club members attending.
- Thank you to Nancy and Paul Combs for organizing the Club Picnic. It has been a few years since our last Club picnic. Good to see so many of you there. The chicken, side dishes and desserts were all enjoyable as were the corn hole games.
- Thank you to Mike and Heidi Beedy for leading a caravan to the Ft. Thomas Corvette Club Car Show. We had 9 cars that went down. Although it was another hot Saturday, the show brought out lots of cool cars. Unfortunately, none of the GDCC'ers won a trophy this year. 35 Bottles of Bourbon were raffled off. Only one lucky GDCC member won a bottle.
- Thank you to all members who attended and supported these events.

- We received thank you notes from Jerry Bush, Dan Gorby, Angie Rafuse, George Frymer and Bob Haugh for flowers and cards sent following their surgeries and procedures. We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

- If you know of a Club member undergoing an illness, surgery or other tough times, please let Carol Tavener know.

Call for Officer and Committee Reports by Vice-President, Pat Moseley:

Secretary Report – Barbara Souza.

- Larry Kopa motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes with a 2nd motion from other club members.

Treasurer Report – Nancy Oliver.

- Recapped income and expenditures. Most notably, new software was purchased to aid in her new role as treasurer. Will provide monthly detailed accounting.

Social – Nancy Combs:

- Corvette Meet and Greet – Aug 23 9:00 am to Noon
- Dinner out – Aug 23, Hosted by Greg and Angela Rafuse
- Kettering At Home Parade – Monday, Labor Day Sept 1, Rudy and Nancy Oliver organizing. Sign up sheet being passed around
- Lancaster All Corvette Show – Sunday Sept 7, Need a caravan leader. No one has signed up yet. Sign up sheet being passed around.
- Dinner out – Sept 19, Hosted by Bob and Freddie Haugh. Details have been sent up via email. Sign up sheet being passed around.

- Dinner out and Equestrian Show – Saturday Oct 4, Hosted by Alex and Sherry Temple – Sign-up sheets being passed around tonight. Contact host/organizer if not signed up at the meeting.
- Game Night – Friday, October 10th at 6:00 pm at TJ Chumps. Details to follow.
- Oct. 12 – Springfield Car Show 10-2 2777 Springfield-Xenia Road Springfield No fees and no registration. Hotdogs, drinks and snacks. Contact Michael Foley 937-207-0845 with any questions
- Christmas Party – Sat. Dec 6 at Stone Hill Village community center (Tom and Star Brooks' Club House)

Membership – Carol Tavener:

- 188 members up 11 from last meeting. Mailed many cards and sent flowers to numerous club members. If you know of anyone facing a challenging time, be sure to let Carol know so she can send a card and/or flowers on behalf of the club.

Email/Web Services – Greg Rafuse:

- Website had 2300 visitors in July. 4900 Visitors in August.
- New website continues to get good traffic. Still a work-in progress. Check it out and send any comments/suggestions to Greg.
- <https://greaterdaytoncorvettes.org/>
- Gave details to Saturday dinner out to Do Good Restaurant. Leave Air Force Museum at 2:00 pm

Public Relations – Greg Fagan (not in attendance – Tom Brooks read details):

- Newsletter went out via email Tuesday evening.
- Facebook- our number of followers continues to increase, and we have been getting a lot of comments on our posts by Alex and myself. Please like and follow us on FB if you are on that platform. Share our events among your networks. Latest stats are: 5,727 views. 545 engagements (likes, follows, comments, etc). We have 1.5 thousand followers! Almost as many as Taylor Swift.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador – Greg Fagan:

- Refer to Greg's printed report
- Gave details on raffle tickets available to purchase at the museum to win a new corvette – multiple raffles available
- If you are planning a trip to the museum and are not a member of the museum, please check with (Greg F.) or Tom. Because of our Club's Lifetime Membership, we have a few passes available.

Pat Mosley – Vice President gave his resignation as VP effective immediately due to health concerns. Tom Brooksto find replacement. Tom Brooks and Carol Tavener both expressed appreciation for his role as VP

Old Business:

- Name Tags - If anyone needs a name tag, see Star Brooks
- Carol Tavener has GDCC Club business cards. Take some to hand out to prospective members and invite them to a meeting.
- Window Clings are available to all members. Thanks to Dennis DeHaan. See Star to get your Cling. Proudly display on your windshield.

New Business and Reminders:

- Executive Board is made up of Club Officers and Committee Leads (Tom Brooks, Pat Mosley, Nancy Oliver, Barbara Souza, Greg Fagan, Greg Rafuse, Carol Tavener and Nancy Combs). The Executive Board (E-Board) has met several times over the last few months via Zoom to discuss Club matters and make decisions based on majority vote of E-Board members.

Two items the E-Board wants to share with membership are as follows. The E-Board has created a procedures manual which is a 'living document' to assist the GDCC E-Board with addressing matters of importance to the membership. We did not have this previously and since many of us on the Board are new to the positions, we felt it important to have some 'how to's' written down which will be helpful now and in the future. None of the items are set in stone, and as of now, none will be included in the Constitution or By Laws, so the next Board can make any changes needed. Some of the items documented so far include Car Show info, how to order name tags, guests attending GDCC events/activities, collecting membership dues, and member reimbursement process.

- The E-Board has approved the purchase of business accounting software that allows improved financial reporting and ease of tracking transactions. The software is QuickBooks – used by many small business and organizations. This was recommended by Nancy Oliver, our new treasurer. We also checked with other large clubs who use this software, and it was recommended. The cost is \$752/annually. Nancy has already begun to set it up and after it is set-up it is easy to use with the ability to generate detail and summary financial reports.
- If anyone has any questions or concerns, please see any of the E-Board members after the meeting or anytime via a phone call or email.

50/50 Raffle – Nancy Combs:

- Collected \$126.00 with the split being \$63.00 to the club and Judy Smith won \$63.00

Tom Brooks motioned for the meeting to Adjourn at 7:35 pm with multiple members to 2nd the motion. Next meeting September 17, 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 2-page article for my Corvette Club newsletter, and I would like to look at the history and origin of corvette clubs, both in the US and abroad and discuss why the clubs formed, what their enduring missions are and how many of them are there. I would like include some examples such as which club is considered the first, which might be dedicated to restoration versus clubs more of a social focus;*

🏁 The Brotherhood of the Vette: A Look at Corvette Clubs Past and Present

Few automobiles have inspired such enduring passion and community as the Chevrolet Corvette. Since its debut in 1953, the Corvette has been more than a car—it's a symbol of American performance, style, and freedom. And for decades, Corvette clubs have served as the beating heart of that culture, connecting enthusiasts across generations and continents.

US Origins: The First Wave of Corvette Clubs

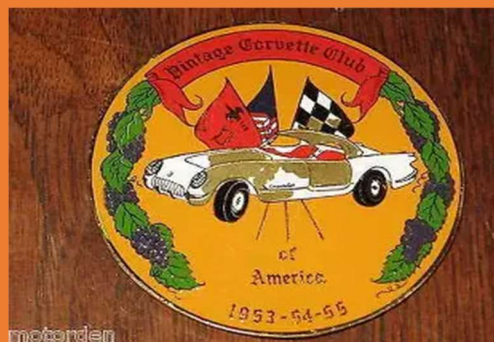
The earliest known Corvette club is the **Corvette Club of America (CCA)**, founded on **July 17, 1956** in Arlington, Virginia by John Ralph and Charles Eyre. The club's first meetings were held at Rosenthal Chevrolet, and its formation was so groundbreaking that GM representatives attended, recognizing its potential to become a national movement. The CCA later played a pivotal role in the creation of the **National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC)** in 1959, which now serves as an umbrella organization for hundreds of clubs across the U.S.

Meanwhile, California saw a surge of Corvette clubs in the late 1950s, including the **Northern California Corvette Association (NCCA)** and **Corvette Super Sports (CSS)** in Southern California—both claiming roots in 1956. These early clubs were often born out of racing circles, car shows, and dealership communities, where Corvette owners sought camaraderie and competition.

🌐 Going Global: Corvette Clubs Abroad

The Corvette's appeal quickly spread beyond American borders. Today, clubs exist in **Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand**, often organized under national chapters of the **National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)** or independent enthusiast groups. These international clubs mirror their U.S. counterparts in mission but often emphasize restoration and preservation due to the rarity of vintage Corvettes abroad.

For example, the **Vintage Corvette Club of America (VCCoA)**, founded in California in the late 1960s, focused exclusively on 1953–1955 models and became a hub for restoration knowledge and parts sourcing. Its newsletter, the *Blue Flame Special*, was one of the earliest publications dedicated to Corvette restoration.



Why They Formed: Passion, Preservation, and People

Corvette clubs formed for three key reasons:

- **Community:** Owners wanted to connect with others who shared their passion. Whether cruising, racing, or showing off their rides, the Corvette was a social catalyst.
- **Preservation:** As early models aged, enthusiasts needed resources to restore and maintain them. Clubs like the **NCRS**, founded in 1974, became technical authorities, offering judging standards and restoration guides.
- **Advocacy and Events:** Clubs organized rallies, shows, and charity events, promoting safe driving and Corvette heritage. Many clubs still host annual conventions, parades, and fundraisers.

Missions That Endure

Despite evolving over time, most Corvette clubs still uphold these core missions:

Mission Focus	Description
Preservation	Technical support, judging events, and restoration standards (e.g., NCRS)
Social Engagement	Cruises, meetups, dinners, and car shows (e.g., Brookville Corvette Club)
Education	Sharing Corvette history, specs, and maintenance tips
Philanthropy	Fundraisers, community service, and charity drives

Clubs like **Corvette Culture**, founded in 2022, emphasize inclusivity and lifestyle, branding themselves as more than a club—“a culture.” Others, like the **Brookville Corvette Club** in Ohio, focus on social outings, rallies, and overnight trips.

How Many Are There?

AI found our friends from Brookville!!

While exact numbers fluctuate, there are **hundreds of Corvette clubs in the U.S. alone**, with listings in nearly every state. Globally, directories like *Vette Vues Magazine* catalog clubs across North America, Europe, and beyond. The **NCRS** alone has **48 chapters worldwide**, and the **NCCC** supports over **250 affiliated clubs**.

Final Thoughts

Whether you're drawn to concours-level restorations or just love the thrill of a Sunday cruise, Corvette clubs offer a place to belong. They preserve the legacy of America's sports car while building friendships that last a lifetime. From the first meeting in Arlington to today's global community, the Corvette club movement remains a testament to the enduring power of passion on four wheels.

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