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Did you know? Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports capped off a stellar 2025 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season by sweeping all three GTD PRO titles—Manufacturers, Drivers, and Teams—at the season finale, Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta. The No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R, driven by Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims, clinched the Drivers Championship with a third-place finish, while the No. 4 Corvette piloted by Tommy Milner, Nicky Catsburg, and Nico Varrone secured second in class, helping Chevrolet lock in its 15th GT class title and first in GTD PRO.

Garcia and Sims delivered consistent podium performances throughout the season, including a win at Virginia International Raceway and six top-three finishes overall. Their steady pace and strategic execution were key to securing the championship against fierce competition. The No. 3 team also earned the Teams Championship, marking Pratt Miller Motorsports' 16th title since 2001. Garcia now holds six IMSA titles—all with Corvette Racing—while Sims adds his second, having previously won in the GTP class with Cadillac.

This season marked the 13th time Chevrolet and Corvette Racing have swept all three GT class championships in a single year. The team's success was built on a foundation of reliability, tactical fuel management, and strong qualifying performances, particularly from the No. 4 car. With nine combined podiums and a deep bench of experienced drivers, Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports showcased why they remain a dominant force in GT racing.

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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 offers 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

Fall is officially here. The leaves are just beginning to change color – such a delightful display from Mother Nature.

October is GDCC's anniversary month. Our Club was officially incorporated with the State of Ohio on October 22, 1964. Sixty-one years – wow! At the October business meeting, we will share a little history and celebrate the anniversary with a cake. We are still looking for 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 them with members.

Looking ahead to the November business meeting (Nov. 19th), we will be accepting nominations for club officers for 2026. Those positions are: President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to be part of Club leadership or if you want to nominate someone for one of the offices, plan on attending the meeting to present your nomination. Elections will be held in December.

Also in December, as has been done for many years, club membership will discuss and identify organizations that our club will donate to for 2025. Giving back is a key component of GDCC's purpose. Please thoughtfully consider organizations that we can help.

And yes, we are planning on having a few more activities before the leaves are gone and the snow is here. Check the Events list on the website and in the newsletter and watch your email for announcements from the Social Committee.

I hope to see you soon.

Presidents Corner

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 Riptide Blue Convertible- Tickets are \$200- 1500 Available- October 23**
- **2026 Arctic White Coupe- Tickets are \$150- 1500 Available- November 20**
- **2026 Black Z06 Coupe- Tickets are \$300- 1500 Available- December 18**
- **2026 Torch Red Coupe- Tickets are \$20- Unlimited Available- April 25, 2026**

Also check out the museums event calendar for upcoming events such as Vets N Vettes on November 6th-8th.

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

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- 20 th - Hosted by Dean and Carol Tavener, Black Rock Grille, Beavercreek		
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

SEPTEMBER 2025

Greater Dayton Corvette Club

September 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Tom Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. 45 members in attendance.

Welcome Guests, Introduction of New Members and/or New Cars:

- Dave & Amy Carter and Ted & Colleen Casseel stood up and spoke a little bit about themselves and their cars

Announcements:

- Thank you to the waitstaff – round of applause from the members
- Thank you (again) to Greg and Debbie Fagan for organizing the Club's Meet and Greet days at the National Museum of the Air Force this year. They were held in April, May, July and August. These events along with our annual car show are a great way to showcase our Corvettes and attract new and prospective members to the Club. We look forward to next year.
- Thank you to Michael Foley (who is also a member of the Springfield Corvette Club) for taking and posting great photos from the August AF Museum Meet and Greet. Check them out on the website, you'll see lots of cool cars and familiar faces.
Greaterdaytoncorvettes.org
- Thank you to Greg and Angela Refuse for hosting the August Dinner out at the Do Good Restaurant and Ministry, Osgood, OH. This was a wonderful restaurant with a great purpose. Greg led the caravan to the restaurant. Osgood is a quaint little town and we were glad to experience it and learn of the history of the restaurant. 10 cars were in attendance.

- Thank you to Rudy and Nancy Oliver for organizing our Club's participation in the Kettering Holiday at Home Parade on Labor Day. 12 cars took part and many also met up at Old Scratch Pizza afterwards for lunch.
- Thank you to Greg Rafuse for leading the caravan to the Ohio Corvette Alliance Car Show, in Lancaster OH on September 7. This is one of the largest Corvette-only shows in the area.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Herbie Smith who will be taking part in the upcoming Honor Flight on Sunday, September 21st. The Honor Flight's mission is to take veterans to see the national memorials in Washington, DC and to honor and celebrate their service to our country. Patty Landess shared some information on the festivities to be held at the base upon their return from DC. This is the first time an Honor Flight has left from our base. Jerry McElroy has previously joined in on an Honor Flight Mission. Patty's Jim went two weeks before he passed away.
- As Pat shared with us last meeting, he is stepping back from his role as Vice President due to medical reasons, but glad to see Pat here. Thank you, Pat, for serving as Vice President for the last couple years.
- We are happy to announce that Jerry McElroy will fill the VP's position for at least the rest of the year. Tom joked about it being the "Tom and Jerry Show"
- As we've mentioned before, if you know of a Club member undergoing an illness, surgery or other tough times, please let Carol Tavener know so she can send a card or flowers to let them know we are thinking of them.
- Donna Tucker spoke about Carl Durbin's bike accident. He is currently in the ICU. Mail cards to their home address if you would like to send a card and keep them in your prayers. She will follow up with an update via email.

Call for Officer and Committee Reports by Vice-President, Jerry McElroy:

Secretary Report – Barbara Souza:

- Carol Tavener motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and several members 2nd the motion.

Treasurer Report – Nancy Oliver:

- Recapped income and expenditures.

Social – Nancy Combs:

- Dinner out – Sept 19, Ann and Tony's Restaurant in West Jefferson, Hosted by Bob and Freddie Haugh.
- Dinner out and Equestrian Show – Saturday Oct 4, Hosted by Alex and Sherry Temple. Alex gave details on facilities and caravan (meet at Ceaser Creek Boat Ramp). Will follow up with a more detailed email.
- Game Night – Friday, Oct 10th at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. Come at 6:00pm for dinner. Games start at 7:00pm. Hosted by your Social Committee. There will be cookies and prizes. Sign up sheet being passed around.
- 3rd Annual Corvette Gathering with National Road Corvette Club from Springfield – Sunday, Oct. 12th. 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Springfield Township Admin. Bldg. This fun event is organized and hosted by Michael Foley. No fees, no registration but FREE food and drinks. More details about caravan coming shortly. Meet in the cul-de-sac by TJ Chumps – caravan will leave at 9:30 am.
- Discussed a potential outing on Friday November 28th to Murphy Theatre to see the Nutcracker in Wilmington.
- December 6th at 5:00 PM – Holiday Party – details to follow

Membership – Carol Tavener:

- 189 Members
- Carol and Dean Tavener hosting November 20th Dinner Out – 6:00 pm Black Rock in Beavercreek. Signup sheet being passed around.

Email/Web Services – Greg Rafuse:

- Not much to report. Has received requests thru the website looking for Convertible Corvettes to be used in homecoming parades. Gave details of dates needed and schools asking. Reach out to Greg if you are interested.

Public Relations – Greg Fagan:

- Cars & Coffee attendance seems to slow down this time of year
- National Corvette Museum Ambassador – please send Greg an email if you are a NCM Member as he is trying to reconcile our membership list to the records with NCM.
- Museum sweepstakes to win a 1967 Greenwood Green Convertible Corvette. See recent email with information. Issues with added tickets, trying to rectify with museum.

New Business and Reminders:

- The official Club Anniversary is October 22nd. GDCC was incorporated on Oct.22, 1964...coming up on 61 years. Last year, Wayne and Diane Dawson recognized the 60th anniversary at a Dinner Out they hosted. This year we will have a little celebration during the October meeting (Oct 15th). Mark your calendars. There may be a surprise speaker.
- We'd like to begin collecting photos, articles, and other things from past years as part of a history collection. If anyone has items to share, please send to Tom Brooks. We will put together a committee to organize and work on a GDCC history. Historian position on the board is available.

50/50 Raffle – Nancy Combs:

- \$142.00 collected. \$71.00 split. #3862 – Greg Fagan was the winner.

Tom Brooks motioned to adjourn the Meeting at 7:36 pm.
Next meeting October 15, 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 1983 Corvette that was supposed to be the first year for the 4th generation of Corvettes.

My question to COPILOT: *I need a 1–2-page article about the 1983 Corvette. Can you tell how its development happened and what problems existed that prevented that car from going to production and can you include some images of the car.*

The 1983 Corvette: The Ghost of Bowling Green

In the annals of American automotive history, few stories are as intriguing as the tale of the 1983 Chevrolet Corvette—a car that technically existed yet never made it to showroom floors. Intended to mark the Corvette's 30th anniversary, the 1983 model was supposed to usher in the fourth generation (C4) of the iconic sports car. Instead, it became a symbol of engineering ambition, production challenges, and a rare moment of corporate restraint.

Development of the C4 Corvette began in the late 1970s under the leadership of chief engineer Dave McLellan. The goal was to replace the aging C3 platform with a radically modern design. The new Corvette featured a shorter wheelbase, wider stance, and lighter weight. It introduced a unibody structure with integrated chassis, forged aluminum suspension components, and corrosion-resistant fasteners. Inside, it boasted a digital dashboard and improved ergonomics, aiming to compete with European sports cars in both performance and refinement.

However, the leap in technology came at a cost. As Chevrolet prepared to launch the 1983 model, a combination of factors derailed the timeline. New emissions regulations, quality control issues, and the complexity of the redesign led to delays. The Bowling Green, Kentucky plant—newly tasked with Corvette production—struggled to meet the ambitious standards. Ultimately, GM decided to skip the 1983 model year entirely, releasing the C4 as a 1984 model instead. Of the 43 prototype 1983 Corvettes built, all were destroyed except one: a white pre-production car known as RBV098, now preserved at the National Corvette Museum.

The 1983 Corvette remains a fascinating “ghost car”—a bridge between eras and a testament to GM's commitment to innovation over expedience. Its legacy lives on not just in the lone surviving example, but in the revolutionary C4 that followed.

