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Did you know? The Chevrolet Corvette has only been built in three U.S. cities since its debut in 1953? From Flint to St. Louis to Bowling Green, each plant has shaped the legacy of America's iconic sports car.

The Corvette's journey began in Flint, Michigan, where the first 300 hand-built Corvettes rolled off the line in 1953. This small-scale operation was housed in a Chevrolet plant at 300 G Avenue, and workers had to master the then-revolutionary fiberglass bodywork using custom jigs and hand tools. Just six months later, production moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where Corvettes were built for nearly three decades. The St. Louis plant ramped up volume and helped establish the Corvette as a performance icon through the muscle car era.

In 1981, Corvette production shifted to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where it remains today. GM transformed a former Chrysler air-conditioning factory into a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to the Corvette. Over the years, the Bowling Green Assembly Plant has produced more than 1.1 million Corvettes and undergone major upgrades to support innovations like the mid-engine C8. With guided tours and a nearby National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green has become a pilgrimage site for enthusiasts and a symbol of the Corvette's enduring American spirit.



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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

Hello GDCC Members,

Happy November! How can it be that November is here already?

November is known as a month of change – what with moving the clocks back, Election Day and changing leaves and temperatures. November is also a month of gratitude – honoring with sincere appreciation our military veterans on Veterans Day and taking time to be with friends and family on Thanksgiving Day, reflecting on all the things we are most grateful for.

November is also an important time for Club business. **At our November business meeting on November 19th, we will be accepting nominations for 2026 Club Officers and discussing how to distribute the Club's funds to charitable organizations.** Please see the details of these processes and the important changes this year for donations provided in my email dated 11/11/25.



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. The sweepstakes ends December 15, 2025 with winner announced on December 29!!**

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 Arctic White Coupe- Tickets are \$150- 1500 Available- November 20**
- **2026 Black Z06 Coupe- Tickets are \$300- 1500 Available- December 18**
- **2026 Red Mist Coupe- Tickets are \$100- 2000 Available- January 22, 2026**
- **2026 Build Your Own- Tickets are \$250- 1000 Available- February 12, 2026**
- **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 to tour the museum and check out the NCM Motorsports Park. Want to know why you got a Corvette? Go take it out on the track and you'll know!

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

Check the website
for updated
calendars- this will
be updated next
month!

Upcoming Corvette/Car Show Events

November

1-Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee-Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-12
5-8-Vets N Vettes- NCM Bowling Green, KY
28- Movie Night at Murphy Theater in Wilimington. – See Nancy
Combs to sign up!

December

6-Horsepower Farm Cars and Coffee-Trinity Drive Middletown, 8-12
6- GDCC Christmas Party, 5-9- Stonehill Village Clubhouse in
Beavercreek- See Star Brooks to sign up! Tickets \$7 per person or \$12
for a family.

January 2026

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

November

December



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- 9 th - Hosted by Anthony and Sarah Brown, Sky Asian Cuisine, Kettering, Dinner at 6 PM- Sign up at November meeting.		

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

OCTOBER 2025

Greater Dayton Corvette Club

October 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Tom Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Forty-three members in attendance.

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

- The Club welcomed Steve Deppen owner of a 2010 Crystal Red supercharged Corvette. Steve was a member a few years ago and has rejoined the Club.

Tom thanked:

- Bob and Freddie Haugh for hosting the September dinner out at Ann and Tony's Restaurant in West Jefferson. The turnout was good with a nice drive to the restaurant.
- Alex and Sherry Temple for organizing a wonderful afternoon drive to the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington OH. Ten Corvettes caravanned to the Center. We were given a tour of the beautiful facility along with its history. In addition, we had the opportunity to see some of the equestrian events. The day ended with dinner at the center's Paddock Club.
- Nancy Combs and Star Brooks for organizing the Second GDCC Game Night. It was a fun night of fellowship, games and (of course) food.
- Much appreciation goes to the Foley family – Tim, Dee Ann, and Michael for the great Corvette show that Michal organized at the Springfield Township Administration Building. It was a perfect fall day with lots of Corvettes and good food. Thank you to Greg Fagan for leading the caravan to Springfield. We had 15 Corvettes from our Club. It was a great event to mingle with the National Road Corvette Club, the Brookville Club, and other Corvette enthusiasts.
- After tonight's meeting we will be celebrating our Club's Sixty-first Anniversary with cake.

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

Secretary Report – Terri Kopa was filling in for Barbara Souza: Larry Kopa motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Tom Murph.

Treasurer Report – Nancy Oliver:

Recapped income and expenditures.

Social – Nancy Combs:

- Dinner out – November 20th, 6:00 p.m., Black Rock Grille in Beavercreek. Hosted by Dean and Carol Tavener.
- Dinner out – December 9th, 6:00 p.m., Sky Asian Cuisine, Kettering. Hosted by Anthony and Sarah Brown
- Alex Temple has arranged for a November 28th outing to the Murphy Theater in Wilmington to see the Nutcracker. Tickets are \$7.00 per person or \$12.00 per family. Plans are to have dinner near the theater before the show.
- December 6th, 5:00 p.m. GDCC Holiday Party. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the November meeting. More information to follow.
- Nancy will have a sign-up sheet to host a 2026 dinner out at the November meeting.

Membership – Jerry McElroy reported for Carol Tavener :

- Carol had knee surgery on Monday. He wished her best wishes for a speedy recovery.
- The Club currently has 189 members.
- Card and flowers were sent to Carl Durbin. Pat Frymyer said that she and George visited Carl and he thanked everyone for the cards and flowers.
- Dean Tavener passed on his thanks through Jerry for the cards he received for his recent bout with a kidney stone.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around for the dinner out that Carol and Dean are hosting on November 20th.

Email/Web Services – Greg Rafuse:

- The new website continues to see much interest. It is still a work in progress. If anyone has any comments or suggestions about the website, send them to Greg.
- He is reading and responding to inquiries and messages that are sent from people to the Club via the website (<https://greaterdaytoncorvettes.org>).
- Asked if anyone is not receiving Club information.

Public Relations – Greg Fagan:

- Said that Mike Foley is also posting GDCC information on their Facebook page.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador – Greg Fagan:

- Museum sweepstakes to win a 1967 Goodwood Green Convertible Corvette. The drawing is December 29, 2025. If interested in obtaining a ticket, go to the Museum website as there are different ticket amounts that can be purchased.
- Out of 189 Club members, only thirty-three have some type of NCM membership.
- NCM has done a ground breaking for their collections display building.
- Vets and Vettes are scheduled for November 6th at the Museum.
- If a Club member is planning a trip to NCM and are not a NCM member, contact Greg or Tom. The Club has a few available passes because of our Club's Lifetime Membership.

Old Business:

- If anyone needs a name tag, see Star.
- Window clings are available to all member thanks to Dennis DeHaan. See Star to get your cling and proudly display on your windshield.
- Judy Smith thanked Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker and Jerry and Deb McElroy for waiting for the return of the Honor Flight that Herbie was on. The flight was supposed to return at 8:30 p.m. but didn't arrive until 10:30 p.m. Herbie was accompanied with his son.

New Business:

- Tom said that nominations for Club officers will be held at the November meeting on November 19th. The officer positions are: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. The Club's Constitution, Article 4, Section 3 states: "Nominations will be received from the floor at the regularly scheduled meeting each November. Voting will take place before or at the regularly scheduled meeting each December. Newly elected officers will take office at the regularly scheduled meeting each January." This is an important process for the Club. Everyone is encouraged to put their name in the running or to nominate a fellow member for an office.

- Each year our Club raises money throughout the year so that we can donate to various charitable organizations. This is an important purpose of our Club. Club members recommend to organizations to make a contribution. Tom encourages everyone to be thinking about organizations that they are familiar with and that they would like to see the Club provide some financial help. At the next meeting, our Treasurer, Nancy, will recommend the amount we have available to donate. In the past it has been between \$5,000 - \$8,000. When suggesting an organization, it is important that you provide the official name of the organization, contact information to include the address, phone number, and website. Income from dues, car shows proceeds, 50/50 drawing, sponsorships and other donations provide monies to recipients.
- The official Club Anniversary is October 22. GDCC was incorporate on October 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, although not a milestone year, we wanted to recognize the date. The original officers were: Ken Kinderman, Robert Brown, Leo Richarson, and Doroty Maharg. These are the names listed on the Articles of Incorporation. Ken spoke to our Club a few years ago. Tom said he and Star worked with him at Mead Paper in Chillicothe several years ago although at that time, they did not know his involvement with Corvettes. Sadly, they learned that Ken passed away in September.
- Tom recognized the following Club member who have been members for 35+ years:
 - John and Debbie Vanscoy, 57 years
 - Boris Tirpack, 41 years
 - George and Pat Frymyer, 40 years
 - Sue Smith, 40 years
 - Richard and Lori McIlvain, 38 years
 - Mark and Connie Shank, 35 years
- Tom said he would like to begin to collect photos, articles, and other things from past years as part of a history collection. If anyone has items to share, please send them to him. He will put together a committee to organize and work on a GDCC history.

50/50 Raffle – Nancy Combs:

- \$124.00 collected. \$62.00 split. Sherry Temple was the winner.

Tom Brooks motioned to adjourn the Meeting at 7:36 pm.
Next meeting November 19, 7:00 p.m., 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! With that in mind I thought how about a series on Care and Craftsmanship. Let's start with Detailing your Corvette!

My question to COPILOT: *I need a one-page article for my newsletter that discusses how enthusiasts detail their Corvettes and some of the products and tools used to do that.*

Care and Craftsmanship Series: Detailing Your Corvette

For Corvette owners, detailing isn't just about keeping the car clean—it's about honoring the craftsmanship and performance heritage of America's sports car. Enthusiasts know that a well-detailed Corvette turns heads at shows, preserves value, and reflects the pride of ownership.

The Detailing Mindset

Detailing goes beyond a quick wash. It's a methodical process that combines patience, the right products, and attention to every curve and crevice. Corvette enthusiasts often treat it as a ritual, ensuring their cars look showroom-fresh whether parked at a meet or cruising down the highway.

Essential Tools of the Trade

- **Microfiber Towels** – Soft, lint-free cloths prevent scratches on delicate clear coats.
- **Dual-Action Polishers** – These machines provide even polishing power, helping restore depth and gloss without risking swirl marks.
- **Detailing Brushes** – Perfect for tight spots like grilles, emblems, and wheel spokes.
- **Foam Cannons** – Attach to a pressure washer to blanket the car in suds, loosening dirt before contact washing.

Go-To Products

- **pH-Balanced Car Shampoo** – Gentle on paint and protective coatings.
- **Clay Bars** – Remove embedded contaminants, leaving paint smooth to the touch.
- **Paint Sealants & Ceramic Coatings** – Provide long-lasting protection and a deep, reflective shine.
- **Tire Dressings** – Restore that rich, black look to sidewalls without greasy residue.
- **Interior Protectants** – Keep leather supple and dashboards free of UV damage.

The Final Touch

Many Corvette detailers finish with a hand-applied wax, not just for protection but for the satisfaction of working directly with the car's surface. It's a tradition that connects enthusiasts to their vehicles in a personal way.

Why It Matters

A Corvette is more than transportation—it's a statement. Detailing preserves that statement, ensuring every line and reflection tells the story of care, passion, and pride. Whether you're prepping for a show or simply enjoying a weekend drive, the right detailing routine keeps your Corvette looking as legendary as it performs.

What are some of your favorites or "go to" products for cleaning your car? Let me know at the next meeting!! Here are some examples:

- **Car Shampoo:** Meguiar's Gold Class or Adam's Car Wash
- **Clay Bar Kits:** Mothers California Gold Clay Kit
- **Sealant/Coating:** Griot's Garage Paint Sealant or Ceramic Pro consumer
- **Tire Dressing:** Chemical Guys VRP or Optimum Tire Gel
- **Interior Care:** Lexol Leather Conditioner, 303 Aerospace Protectant

