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Did you know? The Rarest Corvette Colors

Did you know that while Torch Red has long been the most popular Corvette color, some Corvette colors have been produced in such tiny numbers that they've become true unicorns in the collector world? According to CorvetteForum's analysis of rare Corvette colors, early models featured several short-run hues that appeared briefly and vanished just as quickly. The article notes that although red has dominated Corvette production, models like 1956 Cascade Green, 1967 Greenwood Green as well as 1971 War Bonnet yellow from the C1 and C2 generations, were produced in very small quantities, making them some of the rarest factory finishes ever applied to a Corvette. (Corvette Forum)

More recent generations have also introduced limited-run colors that quickly became collector favorites. Specialty shades like Baltic Blue Metallic and other short-lived options have been highlighted in rarity discussions, including an overview of Corvette color exclusivity published by InfoHeist, which explores how certain hues were produced in exceptionally low numbers and now command premium interest among enthusiasts. These rare colors stand in stark contrast to perennial favorites like Torch Red, reminding us how Corvette's color palette has evolved through bold experimentation and occasional ultra-limited releases. (Infoheist)

https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/top-10-rare-corvette-colors/?utm_source=copilot.com

https://infoheist.com/what-is-the-rarest-corvette-color/?utm_source=copilot.com

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We would like to announce that Bill Buckey has volunteered to become the Club Historian and is working with former President John Vanscoy to document the club's history and timeline! We appreciate all the work this will involve by both and look forward to seeing the results!

Seeking volunteers to work on the rewrite of the club constitution during 2026. Let Tom Brooks know if interested.

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

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

As the new year begins, we can look forward to another great year of cruising, car shows, and friendships formed around a legendary American sports car (you know the one I'm talking about). Thanks to you, our dedicated members, our Corvette club remains strong, vibrant, and ready for the road ahead.

As we turn the page on the calendar, I'd like to share some club news, updates, and what's ahead for 2026.

2025 Year End Charitable Donations

As we do each year, the club provides donations to several charitable organizations. This year, members were asked to nominate charities for consideration. The Executive Board reviewed the nominations and recommended that the 2025 contributions be split among 5 charities for a total of \$6,000. Each of the following organizations has received a \$1,200 donation from our club: Dayton Diabetes, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, The Air Force Museum Foundation, Dayton Foodbank and Tunnel to Towers.

2026 Club Officers

The election for Club Officers was held at the December meeting. The following members were unanimously elected by a quorum of members (as stated in the Bylaws):

President – Tom Brooks

Vice-president – Jerry McElroy

Treasurer – Nancy Oliver

Secretary – Alex Temple

Additionally, Bill Buckey has volunteered to serve as the club's historian. His role will be to work with members to collect, compile and preserve our club's history. Bill will be collaborating with long-time member and former club president, John Vanscoy to document the club's timeline and milestones. If you have articles, photos or interesting memorabilia, please contact Bill. Bill's efforts will be a wonderful opportunity to highlight the club's 61+ year history.

2026 Club Dues

The 2026 dues statements were emailed to members on December 29th to are payable in January. If you did not receive your invoice, please contact Nancy Oliver. Payment can be made by check and mailed to the club at: P.O. Box 138 Alpha, OH 45301. You can also bring a check to the January meeting (Jan. 21).

2026 Car Show and Air Force Museum Meet and Greet

The Club's annual car show, our primary fund raiser, will be held Saturday, June 20th at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway. This is a new venue that will allow us to potentially host more cars. The casino is eager to work with us and is very supportive in providing de parking, food trucks, a covered patio, marketing assistance and other contributions. We are grateful for the many years that the city of Fairborn and particularly Giovanni's have helped and supported our past shows, but we were beginning to outgrow the location. Thanks to a member connection, conversations with Hollywood Gaming led to this exciting new opportunity. The car show committee will be forming soon, and there will be many ways to help. Please consider volunteering. Contact me to get involved and/or if you have questions.

Greg Fagan has confirmed the 2026 dates for the club's Meet and Greet events, held at the National Museum of the Air Force. Those dates are: April 18, May 16, July 18 and August 15. Mark your calendars. These events are informal, fun and a great way to meet other Corvette enthusiasts and introduce potential new members to our club.

Club Constitution and By Laws Review

I am looking for a few volunteers to serve on a Constitution and Bylaws review committee. The Constitution was last updated 19 years ago, and the By-laws have not been revised since 2007. While major changes are not anticipated, updating procedures and clarifying definitions will help ensure these important governing documents remain relevant and clear.

Social Activities, Events and Trips

There will be no shortage of fun and interesting social activities for 2026. You can count on monthly Dinner Outs and a few day trips to interesting local places and the many area summer car shows. There will also be game nights, parades, a holiday party and summer picnic. Longer trips being considered are: attending the annual Corvette Bash at the museum in Bowling Green, trip to Louisville and Churchill Downs, Chula Vista at Wisconsin Dells, Corvette show in Spearfish, SD, Mecum Auction in Indianapolis, and possibly a club cruise. These are just some ideas; we'd love your input. If you have ideas for activities, please reach out to Nancy Combs, Star Brooks or me.

Monthly Club Meetings

The monthly club meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Although you may think of meetings as "booooooring", the officers try to keep the topics relevant, interesting, brief and a little fun. The real fun part comes prior to the meeting during the dinner/social hour. For those members who haven't attended a club meeting in a while, members typically begin arriving between 5:30pm – 6:00pm for dinner and socializing. And of course, there is a 50/50 raffle at the end of each meeting with a nice \$\$\$\$ prize going to the winner and the other half going supporting our charitable donations.

Our club is stronger when members stay connected. The officers and I encourage you to join us at our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, especially if you haven't attended in a while. We'd love to see you!

Speaking of connections, please bookmark our website and our Facebook page to checkout "the news". greaterdaytoncorvettes.org

Club Sponsors

We are fortunate to have the support of two outstanding corporate sponsors who help make our club activities possible: **Bud's Chevrolet** and **Corvette Care**.

Bud's Chevrolet has been a long-time sponsor of our club and hosts an excellent annual car show that we never miss. If you are considering purchasing a new or used Corvette, or any Chevrolet, please consider visiting Bud's first. They are located in St. Mary's.

Corvette Care is a newer sponsor, based in Columbus, and specializes exclusively in Corvettes. With over 50 years of experience in Corvette service and restoration, they offer GDCC members a 10% discount on all services. When it comes to Corvettes, that's all they do, keep them in mind for your future service needs.

Corvettes Rock!

Tom

NCM Updates

Sweepstakes- A new sweepstakes to win a 1965 Rally Red Convertible is now available. Deadline for entry is April 26, 2026, and the drawing will be held on May 7, 2026. Check the NCM website for details!

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/1965-corvette-convertible-sweepstakes/>

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

- **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 Blade Silver Convertible-** Tickets are \$200- 1500 Available- March 5, 2026
- **2026 Ripetide Blue –** Tickets are \$150- 1500 Available- March 26, 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.



January 1 starts a new year for us to accumulate NCM Ambassador points for our supporting activities with the museum. We collect points for the following activities:

| Being a Museum Member | Purchasing Raffle or Sweepstakes entries | Getting a quote and/or having NCM Insurance |
|---|--|---|
| Attending or Volunteering at NCM Events such as BASH, Anniversary celebration ,Vets in Vettes | Delivery Programs, R8C and Museum Experience | Donations and Tributes (bricks) |

Clubs in the top 10% of points will be eligible for a drawing to win great prizes like a museum delivery experience! As of the writing of this article, our 2025 efforts should have us in that level although the results have not been announced yet.

Please make sure you let Greg Fagan know if you've done any of these so we can keep track of our points.



GDCC CALENDAR

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

Upcoming Corvette/Car Show Events

January

February

March

April

March 28 or April 4- TBD Springfield Cars and Coffee- Mershon's, 9-12
23-25- National Corvette Museum Michelin BASH

18- Corvettes and Coffee- Air Force Museum, 9-12

May

9- Springfield Cars and Coffee- Mershon's 9-12

TBD-Bud Chevrolet Corvette Cruise In-

16- Corvettes and Coffee- Air Force Museum, 9-12

June

**20- GDCC All Corvette Car Show- Hollywood Dayton Raceway
Casino**

July

18- Springfield Cars and Coffee- Mershon's 9-12

18- Corvettes and Coffee- Air Force Museum, 9-12

August

8 or 15- TBD- Springfield Cars and Coffee- Mershon's 9-12

15- Corvettes and Coffee- Air Force Museum, 9-12

September

3-5- NCM Anniversary Celebration

12- Springfield Cars and Coffee- Mershon's 9-12

13- Lancaster All Corvette Car Show- TBD

October

10- Springfield Cars and Coffee- Mershon's 9-12

11- National Road CC 4th Annual Corvette Gathering- Springfield Twp
Hall, 10-1

November

December



GDCC CLUB CALENDAR

| 2026 GDCC Monthly Meeting Dates- TJ Chumps Fairborn- 7 PM | | 2026 Special Meeting Dates |
|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| January 21 | July 15 | Executive Board- |
| February 18 | August 19 | February-TBD |
| March 18 | September 16 | Officer Nominations- |
| April 15 | October 21 | November 18 |
| May 20 | November 18 | Officer Elections- |
| June 17 | December 16 | December 16 |
| 2026 Monthly Dinners Out | | |
| January- Rudy and Nancy Oliver | | |
| February- Tom and Star Brooks | | |
| March- Tom and Star Brooks | | |
| April- 23- Ralph's American Grill- 123 Gano Road Wilmington, Ohio – 6:30- Hosted by Alex and Sherry Temple | | |
| May- Greg and Angela Rafuse | | |
| June- Larry and Terri Kopa | | |
| July- Donna Tucker and Dan Gorby | | |
| August- Michael and Traci Mills | | |
| September- Wayne and Diane Dawson | | |
| October- Dean and Carol Tavener | | |
| November- | | |
| December- | | |

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

NOVEMBER 2025

Greater Dayton Corvette Club

November 19 Minutes

Tom Brooks called the meeting to order at 7 pm and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Mike Mills was last a member in 1999 and kept in touch with Larry and Terry Kopa over the years and has several corvettes.

- Rudy Oliver got a new to him C8 Stingray Supersonic Grey

Announcements:

- Since November is the month of Veteran's Day it is fitting that we acknowledge and honor our Club Members who are Veterans. Carol Tavener mentioned that Jerry McElroy's son purchased a Street Banner in Huber Heights in his honor.
- Received a nice Thank you card from Carol Tavener for flowers sent following her knee surgery. Glad you're doing well and good to see you here tonight
- Carl Durbin is going home on Friday after a short stay in the hospital.
- Roy Arrington had open heart surgery and his wife indicated he is recovering well.
- We want to make sure all club members are receiving Club emails. There were a few sent out in November. If you are not receiving them, please contact Greg Rafuse.

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

Secretary Report – Barbara Souza:

- Alex Souza motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and Greg Rafuse second the motion.

Treasurer Report – Nancy Oliver:

- Recapped income and expenditures. 2026 dues will be invoiced in January 2026 and only sent via email. Please be sure we have your correct email address on file. Charity contributions for 2025 will be split between 5 charities for a total of \$6,000.00.

Social – Nancy Combs (Star Brooks filled in for Nancy):

- Sign-up sheets being passed around for Nutcracker Movie on November 28th 7:00 pm. Purchase tickets upon arrival. Watch email for details for organized dinner beforehand.
- Sat Dec 6th at 5pm Christmas Party at The Barn Stonehill Village Community Center. Information will be sent out again before then. Club will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a covered dish and a drink. There will be a white elephant gift exchange at a value of \$10.00. We will play games, etc. Hope to see you all there.
- Dinner out – 6:00 pm on December 9th Anthony and Sarah Brown – passing around signup sheet at Sky Asian Cuisine, Kettering.
- Passing around sign-up sheet for 2026 Dinner out schedule
- Carol and Dean Tavener hosting November 20th Dinner Out – 6:00 pm Black Rock in Beavercreek. 28 people signed up – still room for more.

Membership – Carol Tavener:

- 187 Members

Email/Web Services – Greg Rafuse:

- Not much to report. Sent out email with link to survey for NCM survey. Did you receive the email, if so please take a few minutes to complete the survey on the website. Asked for suggestions on best way to handle future surveys.

Public Relations – Greg Fagan:

- Revamping and some changes coming next year to the Newsletter. If you have anything you can provide to put in the newsletter, please email to Greg Fagan.
- Greg and Debbie attended the New Ambassador Academy at the NCM last week. Will be doing some presentations next year.
- Gave some information on the new Collections Center being built, experience of picking up your car at the NCM, Auto Insurance and many other benefits of being a member of the NCM
- Collect Corvette Hot Wheels for the Museum and bring to meetings for fund a field trip
- 17% of the GDCC Club members are also members of the NCM.
- If you are planning a trip to the museum and are not a member, please check with Greg Fagan or Tom Brooks as we have 6 free passes

New Business and Reminders:

- If you need a name tag, please reach out to Star Brooks
- Carol Tavener has club business cards
- Window Clings are available to all members, donated by Dennis DeHann, please reach out to Star Brooks for your cling.
- Jerry read the duties of each position as stated in the GDCC Constitution. Nominations for Club Officers and the process. Then called for Nominations as follows:
 1. Donna Tucker nominated Nancy Oliver for Treasurer, Carol Tavener 2nd
 2. Greg Rafuse nominated Alex Temple for Secretary, a member 2nd
 3. Carol Tavener nominated Jerry McElroy for Vice President, a member 2nd
 4. Greg Fagan nominated Tom Brooks for President, a member 2nd
 5. There was another nomination for President, but the nominee declined.
 6. Bill Buckey volunteered to be club historian.

Much discussion amongst the members about the voting process, etc.

- Our Club raises money throughout the year for donations to various charitable organizations. A charitable Donation Form is to be used which was emailed to members on November 11th. Hard copy available tonight. Much discussion on the process on how to pick the charities, etc.
- Car Show – June 20th Saturday 9-3 Hollywood Casino – Paddock Area. Much discussion on what those benefits are for our club. Possibility of handling 200 cars.
- Thank you to the waitstaff – round of applause from the members
- There was mentioned that someone has stepped up to be the Club Historian – I apologies – I did not catch the name

50/50 Raffle – Paul Combs for Nancy Combs:

- \$126.00 collected. \$63.00 split. #594085 – Geoge was the winner.

Tom Brooks has motioned to adjourn the Meeting at 7:49 pm. Next meeting December 17, 2025, 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 address preserving Corvette performance.*

Care and Craftsmanship Series: Preserving Performance Year-Round

A Corvette's beauty is more than skin-deep—it's built to perform. While detailing and storage protect the exterior, true craftsmanship means keeping the mechanical heart of your Corvette in peak condition. Enthusiasts know that regular care ensures every drive delivers the power, precision, and thrill the car was designed for.

Key Areas of Focus

- **Fluids** – Regular oil changes with high-quality synthetic oil, plus checks on coolant, brake fluid, and transmission fluid.
- **Brakes** – Inspect pads, rotors, and lines; performance cars demand stopping power as sharp as their acceleration.
- **Tires** – Monitor tread depth and pressure; consider performance tires for seasonal driving conditions.
- **Battery & Electrical** – Test voltage and connections to avoid surprises on the road.
- **Filters** – Replace air and cabin filters to keep airflow clean and efficient.

DIY Tools That Make a Difference

- **Torque Wrench** – Ensures bolts and wheels are tightened to factory specs.
- **OBD-II Scanner** – Quick diagnostics for engine codes and performance monitoring.
- **Fluid Extractor Pump** – Makes oil and brake fluid changes cleaner and easier.
- **Tire Pressure Monitoring Tools** – Digital gauges and inflators keep performance consistent.
- **Jack Stands & Creepers** – Safe, comfortable access for undercar inspections.

The Enthusiast's Edge

Routine mechanical care isn't just maintenance—it's a way to connect with your Corvette's engineering. Owners who take pride in these tasks enjoy peace of mind and the satisfaction of knowing their car is ready for every cruise, show, or spirited drive.

