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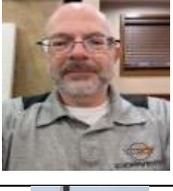
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## President's Corner

OK—who's done with winter? Anyone else dealing with a little cabin fever?

I hope you're all staying safe, warm, and toasty. Star and I spent a few days in Florida recently, and although it was a bit "chilly" by their standards, we did spot plenty of Corvettes on the road. Lucky dogs who get to drive their Vettes year-round! We also noticed there was supposed to be a car show in Hollywood, Florida, not far from where we were staying, so we decided to check it out. The high temperature that day? Upper 40s. Turns out the show was canceled due to the cold... lightweights! Ha!

You probably noticed that this edition of the newsletter has a new look. A big shout-out to Alex Temple, who has taken over newsletter editor duties from Greg Fagan. Many thanks to Greg for doing a fantastic job over the past few years—publishing the newsletter is no small task. If you have ideas for content or would like to contribute, please reach out to Alex.

Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events and meeting dates. I hope to see you at the next business meeting on February 18th and at Dinner Out on February 20th.

Spring will be here before we know it.

Tom



## National Corvette Museum Update



### Sweepstakes:

There's a brand-new sweepstakes going on to win a 1965 Rally Red Convertible! You've got until April 26, 2026, to enter, and the lucky winner will be chosen on May 7, 2026. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to own a piece of automotive history! Head over to the NCM website for all the details:

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



### **Vehicle Overview**

- VIN: 194675S114280
- Odometer shows 56,680; true mileage unknown
- Previous frame-off restoration
- Factory-correct components, including ignition shielding, dual-snorkel air cleaner, Harrison radiator, expansion tank, dash pads, and door panels
- Take delivery on the iconic Corvette Boulevard as part of the Museum Delivery Experience, which includes Museum membership and VIP tour.
- Donations toward sweepstake entries do not count toward an individual's annual or cumulative National Corvette Museum giving totals.

**If you enter and make a donation, don't forget to use the promo code DAYTON for extra entries!**

## **Current Raffles:**

Here are some exciting options for the 2026 Corvette Raffle:

	<b>2026 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 2/12/2026</b> Price: <b>\$250.00</b> Tickets: 1000 Available: 458 Drawing: February 12, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
	<b>2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible 3/5/2026</b> Price: <b>\$200.00</b> Tickets: 1500 Available: 1297 Drawing: March 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
	<b>2026 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 3/26/2026</b> Price: <b>\$150.00</b> Tickets: 1500 Available: 1377 Drawing: March 26, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
	<b>2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 4/16/2026</b> Price: <b>\$100.00</b> Tickets: 2000 Available: 1900 Drawing: April 16, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
	<b>2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026</b> Price: <b>\$20.00</b> Unlimited Raffle Drawing: April 25, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

You can buy tickets even if you're not in Kentucky. Just head over to <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>

## **NCM Membership:**

If you're not a member, you can start at just \$60 (\$100 for a family). Even a single visit will pay for itself! Head over to the NCM website and learn more about how you can support the Corvette legacy.

## **Upcoming Events at the NCM:**

Mark your calendars for some exciting events at the Michelin National Corvette Museum! From April 23rd to 25th, join us for the BASH, where you can immerse yourself in the world of Corvettes. And get ready for Member Appreciation Day on June 27th, with registration coming soon. Last but not least, the NCM Anniversary Celebration is happening from September 3rd to 5th, with registration opening this summer. Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities to celebrate the history of Corvett

## Ambassador Points Program

January 1st marked the start of a new year for us to earn NCM Ambassador points for our support of the museum. We earn points for the following activities:

- Being a Museum Member
- Buying Raffle or Sweepstakes entries
- Getting a quote and/or having NCM Insurance
- Attending or volunteering at NCM events like BASH, the Anniversary celebration, and Vets in Vettes
- Using delivery programs, R8C, and the Museum Experience
- Donating and paying tributes (bricks)

Clubs in the top 10% of points will be eligible for a drawing to win amazing prizes like a museum delivery experience!

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

<b>GDCC Upcoming Corvette / Car Show Events</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Events</b>
January	
February	
March	March 28 or April 4 – TBD Springfield Cars & Coffee (9–12)
April	<b>April 18 – GDCC Corvettes &amp; Coffee, Air Force Museum (9–12)</b> April 23–25 – NCM Michelin BASH
May	May 9 – Springfield Cars & Coffee (9–12) May 9 – Bud Chevrolet Corvette Cruise-In <b>May 16 – GDCC Corvettes &amp; Coffee, Air Force Museum (9–12)</b>
June	<b>June 20 – GDCC All Corvette Car Show – Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway &amp; Casino (9-3)</b>
July	July 18 – Springfield Cars & Coffee (9–12) <b>July 18 – GDCC Corvettes &amp; Coffee, Air Force Museum (9–12)</b>
August	August 8 or 15 – TBD Springfield Cars & Coffee (9–12) <b>August 15 – GDCC Corvettes &amp; Coffee, Air Force Museum (9–12)</b>
September	Sept 3–5 – NCM Anniversary Celebration Sept 12 – Springfield Cars & Coffee (9–12) Sept 13 – Lancaster All Corvette Car Show
October	Oct 10 – Springfield Cars & Coffee (9–12) Oct 11 – National Road CC Corvette Gathering (10–1)
November	
December	



## GDCC Monthly & Special Meetings

T.J. Chumps – Fairborn | Social hour 6:00-7:00 PM | Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM

Monthly		Special		Notes
Month	Date	Month	Date	
January	21	January		
February	18	February	TBD	
March	18	March		
April	15	April		
May	20	May		
June	17	June		
July	15	July		
August	19	August		
September	16	September		
October	21	October		
November	18	November	18	Officer Nominations
December	16	December	16	Officer Elections



### JANUARY 2026

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## GDCC Monthly Dinner Out



January	14	6:00 PM	Rudy & Nancy Oliver	Fu Mon Lau – 2008 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, Dayton
February	20	4:00 PM	Tom & Star Brooks	Sky Grill/Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway Casino - 777 Hollywood Blvd, Dayton
March	TBA	TBA	Tom & Star Brooks	TBA
April	16	6:00 PM	Alex & Sherry Temple	Ralph's American Grill 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington
May	TBA	TBA	Greg & Angela Rafuse	TBA
June	TBA	TBA	Larry & Terri Kopa	TBA
July	TBA	TBA	Donna Tucker & Dan Gorby	TBA
August	TBA	TBA	Michael & Traci Mills	TBA
September	TBA	TBA	Wayne & Diane Dawson	TBA
October	TBA	TBA	Dean & Carol Tavener	TBA
November	TBA	TBA	Open	TBA
December	TBA	TBA	Open	TBA

# Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

- Tom Brooks called meeting to order at 6:45 and members did the Pledge of Allegiance
- 38 in attendance
- Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were good. It's good to see everyone tonight.
- Welcome backed Carl and Barabra. It was good to see them again.
- Welcome Guests, Introduction of New Members and/or New Cars
  - We are pleased to have a special guest tonight...Diane Flick. Diane is the Annual Giving Officer for the Air Force Museum Foundation. The Club included the Air Force Museum Foundation in our annual giving. Diane reached out to us and wanted to personally thank the Club for our donation and to share information about new and interesting things going on at the Museum. That is very special.
  - No other guest or new members, or first-time meeting members?
  - No new cars in the club.
- Announcements –
  - Thank you to Rudy and Nancy Oliver for hosting the January Dinner Out at the Fu Mon Lau restaurant near the Dayton Mall. The restaurant name translates to: “house full of happiness”. It was a chilly, snowy night but there were over 20 members attending, and it was indeed a house full of happiness and full bellies. The food and service were great. We all enjoyed using the “lazy susan” at each table to pass around condiments, drinks, etc.
  - Following elections in December, the following are your GDCC Officers for 2026: President – Tom Brooks, Vice-president – Jerry McElroy, Treasurer – Nancy Oliver, Secretary – Alex Temple.
  - Much thanks and appreciation goes to Barbara Souza for serving as the Club Secretary this past year. She has done an excellent job, and we will miss her on the Board. Thanks also to Terri Kopa who graciously steps in to take meeting minutes when Barbara was not available.
- Call for Officer and Committee Reports by Vice-President, Jerry McElroy
- Secretary Report – Alex Temple
  - Terry Kopa motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes and several others seconded the motions.
- Treasurer Report – Nancy Oliver
  - Recapped income and expenditures. Monthly income, expense and balance report. Annual dues statements went out via email on December 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received your invoice, please see Nancy. Payment is due Jan 31. 50% of dues have been collected so far.

- Social – Star Brooks
  - February Dinner Out will be at the Sky Grille at Hollywood Gaming. This will give members a chance to see the facility where our Car Show will be held. We will have a brief tour of the area followed by dinner at the Sky Grille on site. A sign-up sheet is going around. Date Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm
  - March Dinner Out still in the planning stages.
  - April Dinner Out hosted by Alex and Sherry Temple. Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Ralph's American Grill, Wilmington, OH. Check your email for RSVP info.
  - There are two open slots for hosting Dinner Out – November and December. Let Star know if you can host one of those months
  - We will be organizing a trip to the 2026 Bash at the Corvette Museum for April 23 – 25 in Bowling Green, KY. Greg will speak more about this.
  - May trips being considered are: Mecum Auction in Indianapolis and Churchill Downs in Louisville
  - Flag Day trip Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in Belle Isle, Detroit. This event will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the USA. Along with celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Army, Navy and Marines. This event will honor those milestones by building the largest American Flag made up of Corvettes (red, white, blue, gray and black – and maybe other colors). Member Mike Mills brought this forward. Sounds like fun. More details to come.
  - We're looking for a few more volunteers to join the Social Committee – please contact Nancy or Star if you are interested
  - We are also trying to come up with a few short trips for the Spring. If you have an idea for a Club activity, please let Star, Nancy or Tom know.
- Membership – Carol Tavener
  - 185 members. Lost 4.
- Email/Web Services – Greg Rafuse
  - Not much to report. Starting to fill-up the calendar with local events and cars and coffees. Asked for suggestion or ideas for website and newsletter.
- Public Relations/National Corvette Museum Ambassador – Greg Fagan
  - The 2026 GDCC Club banner was purchased from the Corvette Museum and will be going up at the museum soon. It will be on display for the annual Bash in April.
  - Greg would like to get several members to join us at the Corvette Bash in April (23-25). Spoke about some of the tours and events available during the Bash. If you are interested in attending, first thing is to register ASAP on the Website and get a hotel. There are several hotels around. We will then plan some group activities and a dinner for our members once we know who is going.

- Factory tours are available
- Spoke about the sweepstakes. This year a 1965 Red convertible. If you due to a donation se the code Dayton for extra entries.
- If you are planning a trip to the museum and are not a member, please check with Greg Fagan or Tom. Because of our Club's Lifetime Membership, we have a few passes available.
- Gave an update on Ambassador points. We are in the top 10% perfect of all clubs. Put our club in the running to win a delivery experience.
- Greg is collecting Hot Wheels (Corvette preferably) for the museum to give out to kids on field trips. Terri brought some Hot Wheels she found at Traders World.
- Greg announced that Bud's Annual Car show is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Caravan details to be determined.
- Old Business
  - At the December meeting, we talked about organizing a trip to the Black Hills Corvette Classic in South Dakota in July, but this would be a big trip, so we will scrape as a Club event, but would love to hear from any of you if you plan to attend.
  - A Constitution Review and Update Committee was discussed at the December meeting. Debbie Vanscoy, Nancy Oliver and Star Brooks will make up the committee. If anyone else would like to work on this, please let Star know.
  - Greg has confirmed dates for the Club's Saturday Cars and Coffee (aka Meet and Greet). Dates are: April 18, May 16, July 18, and Aug 15. This year we will have a membership tent to provide information to prospective new members.
  - The Annual Car Show planning has begun. Greg Fagan, Alex Temple, Jerry McElroy, Tom Brooks and Dennis DeHaan have made trips to the Hollywood Gaming facility and are working with the casino management. Specific committees will be identified. As always, volunteers are needed. Please step up...let any of the folks previously named know if you can help. Date is: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm. Greg is working on flyers which should be available soon.
  - 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 available to all members. Thanks to Dennis DeHaan. See Star to get your Cling. Proudly display on your windshield.
- New Business and Reminders
  - We are fortunate to again have Bud's Chevrolet in St. Mary's, Ohio as our Club sponsor. And thanks to Greg Fagan's connections, he has again confirmed Corvette Care as a sponsor. Let's show our appreciation by supporting these businesses.
  - Tom reminded the group to get your GDCC dues in by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 50/50 Raffle – Paul Combs filled in for Nancy. \$112 was collected. \$56 split. #594813 - Tim Satrowski was the winner, and he donated his winnings back to the club.
- Adjourned at 7:41 – next meeting February 18th, 7PM, T.J. Chumps

## Corvette Humor Corner

<p><b>Why do Corvettes never get lost?</b></p> <p>Because they only take the <i>fastest</i> route.</p>	
<p><b>Warning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sudden route changes “just for the”</li> <li>• Extended garage time</li> <li>• Excessive use of the word “<i>stock</i>”</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Corvette owners don’t speed.</b></p> <p>We just arrive everywhere <i>enthusiastically</i>.</p>	

## GDCC 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 our loyal sponsor for ages, and they host an incredible annual car show that we always make sure to attend. They generously give us a whopping \$2,400 a year in support! If you’re thinking of getting a new or used Corvette, or any Chevrolet for that matter, I highly recommend checking out Bud’s first. They’re located in St. Mary’s. Feel free to reach out to Jim Hendricks at jim@budschevy.com or give them a call at (800) 688-2837. They’re always happy to help!



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