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FACEBOOK STATS

TOTAL FOLLOWERS
1562
Up 18 in Last 28 Days

GENDER

Women	25%
Men	75%

AGE

65+	34.5%
55-64	27.1%
45-54	19.6%
Other	18.8%

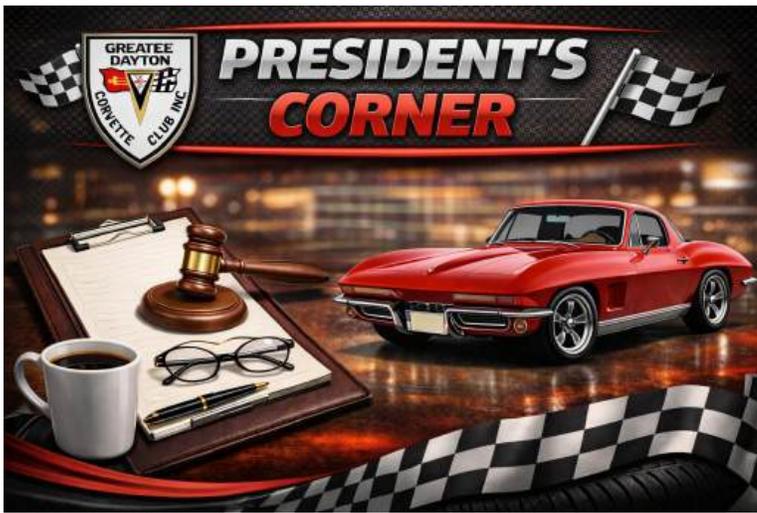
TOP LOCATIONS

- Dayton, OH 17.3%
- Beavercreek, OH 16.5%
- Centerville, OH 14.3%

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Hello and Happy March!

March is that unpredictable month when we find ourselves somewhere between winter and spring. The spring flowers are beginning to peek up, but we still keep the snow shovel close by...just in case. Much like the tulips and daffodils pushing through the soil, Corvettes begin popping up in driveways and on highways as winter fades away. After months of hibernation, both are ready to see the sunshine again, and the sooner the better.

Before long, our calendars will begin filling up with area car shows, club events, and plenty of fun activities.

Looking ahead, the first of our Club's Meet and Greets at the National Museum of the Air Force will take place on April 18th. These gatherings are always a great time and a perfect opportunity to reconnect after the winter months.

Our Club's annual car show, our primary fundraiser, will be held Saturday, June 20th, at Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway.

Our February Dinner Out was held at The Sky Grille at the Hollywood Gaming facility, with thirty members attending. The Hollywood Gaming manager that we have been working with gave us a tour of the area where our car show will be held, and members were very impressed with the space and amenities. The patio areas, indoor gathering spaces, restrooms, and food and drink options will make it an enjoyable setting for our event.

While making a change can bring some uncertainty, after seeing the venue and everything the casino is offering, we believe it will provide a great experience for both participants and spectators. More details will be provided over the coming months including (importantly) how you can help.

I hope to see you at the next business meeting on March 18th and at the monthly Dinner Out on March 25th. Be sure to stay connected by visiting our Facebook page and our website at www.daytoncorvettes.org.

Here's to Spring, sunshine, and firing up those Corvettes!

Tom

Tony and Cindy McBee's

C7 2017 Arctic White Grand Sport A8

I am the car enthusiast in the family, and Tony is the mechanic. After deciding to transition from a manual transmission, I spent nearly a year searching for the right car. I eventually found our Grand Sport in Columbia, Missouri. Although it was initially under contract when I called, the prospective buyer backed out. The dealership contacted us immediately, and within 24 hours we had driven to Columbia and back to bring it home.

This is our first Corvette, though we have both admired them since the C3 generation. Beyond the car itself, we have been especially impressed by the Corvette community—the camaraderie and shared passion are truly top-notch. That sense of connection has made the experience even more rewarding.

We are absolutely thrilled with the car and recently had professional photos taken to commemorate it.



Cindy, thank you for sharing your Corvette story with us! We really appreciate you contributing to the newsletter.

We're looking for members who'd like to be featured in our next newsletter!

Want to share your Corvette story? Send us a short write-up about you and your car, plus a few photos, to Alex Temple @ alexatemple@aol.com

Let's show off the amazing cars and members in our club!





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.

[Become a Member - National Corvette Museum](#)



Progress on the Collections Building

The Collections Building is coming along very quickly! This facility will allow the museum to store all donated artifacts and accept additional rare vehicles and historically significant materials that tell the full story of Corvette design, innovation, racing, and culture. It will also provide the Museum with additional exhibition space, enhancing storytelling and offering the behind-the-scenes experiences that Members and guests value.

This effort is only possible with your continued support of the NCM. Please consider a donation to help with transformative project to maintain and preserve the Corvette Legacy.

[Expansion | National Corvette Museum](#)

Michelin BASH Update

Less than 2 months until the BASH and we hope that you will join us. There are still a few tours and seminars available to sign up but hurry as it is filling up fast now. Please let Tom or Greg F know if you plan to attend. We will try to schedule a dinner together one night for all the GDCC attendees.

[Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash 2026](#)





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/>

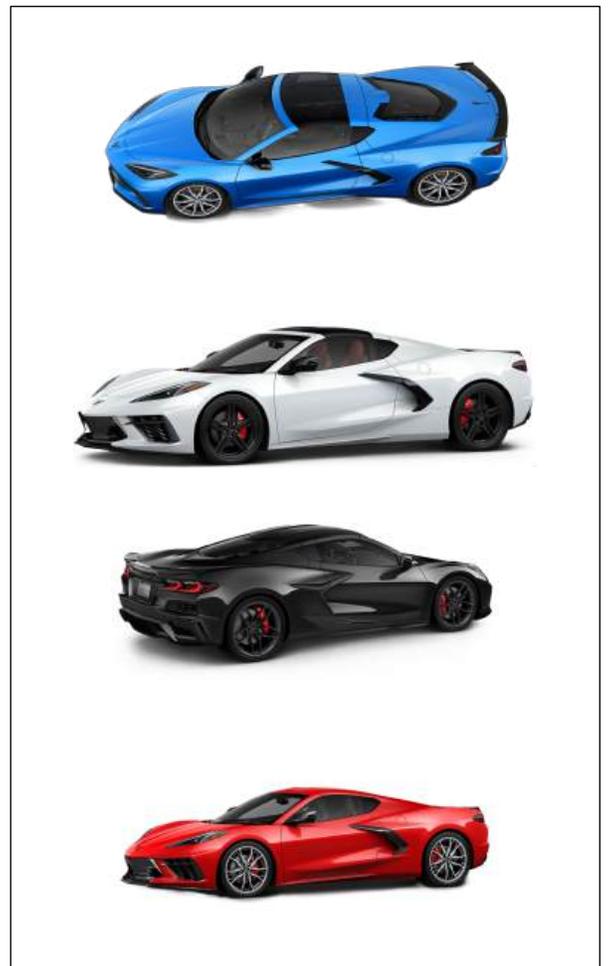
If you enter and make a donation, don't forget to use the promo code DAYTON for extra entries!

Current Raffles:

Here are some exciting options for the 2026 Corvette Raffles as of March 4th, 2026.

- 2026 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 3/26/2026**
Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1143
Drawing: March 26, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
- 2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 4/16/2026**
Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000 Available: 1690
Drawing: April 16, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
- 2026 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe 4/24/2026**
Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1309
Drawing: April 24, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
- 2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026**
Price: \$20.00 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>





Before you hit the road this season, give your Corvette a quick spring once-over—whether it’s a classic **Chevrolet Corvette C3**, a modern **Chevrolet Corvette C6**, or a mid-engine **Chevrolet Corvette C8**.

Quick Spring Checklist:

- **Fluids:** Check oil, coolant, brake fluid; change oil if it sat all winter.
- **Belts & Hoses:** Look for cracks or brittleness.
- **Battery:** Test charge and clean terminals.
- **Tires:** Set PSI to spec; watch for flat-spot vibration.
- **Brakes:** Light rotor rust is normal—confirm smooth stopping.

Finish with an easy 10–15 mile drive to let everything warm up and settle in.

A little prep now means more seat time later. See you at the next Corvettes and Coffee! 🏁



2026 MONTHLY & SPECIAL MEETING

LOCATION: T.J. CHUMPS – FAIRBORN

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00–7:00 PM MEETING: 7:00–8:00 PM

MONTHLY MEETINGS (3RD WEDNESDAY):
 Jan 21 • Feb 18 • Mar 18 • Apr 15 • May 20
 Jun 17 • Jul 15 • Aug 19 • Sep 16 • Oct 21
 Nov 18 • Dec 16

SPECIAL NOTES:

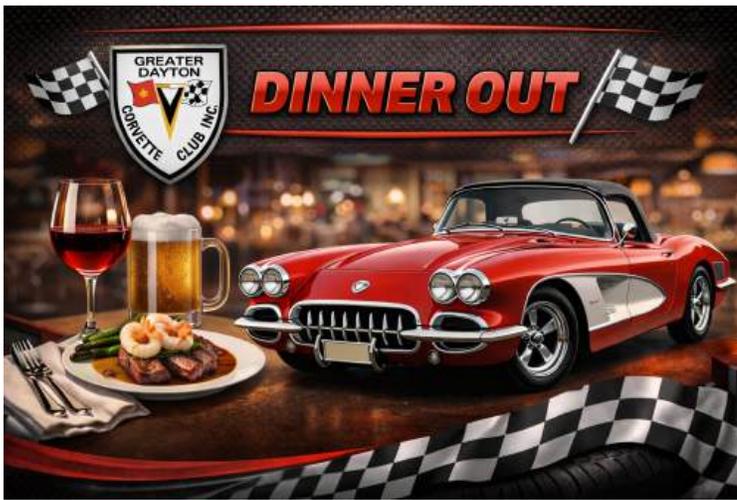
- NOVEMBER 18 – OFFICER NOMINATIONS
- DECEMBER 16 – OFFICER ELECTIONS

GREATER DAYTON CORVETTE CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

TJ Chumps • 1100 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd.
 Fairborn, OH 45324
 Social Hour 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM • Meeting from 7:00 pm to 8:00 PM
 Guests are welcome to attend!

We look forward to your participation throughout the year as we plan events, celebrate our shared passion for Corvettes, and continue building a strong GDCC community.



January 14

🕒 6:00 PM

Hosts: Rudy & Nancy Oliver

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2008 Miamisburg Centerville Rd., Dayton

February 20

🕒 4:00 PM

Hosts: Tom & Star Brooks

📍 Sky Grill

Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway Casino

777 Hollywood Blvd., Dayton

March 25

🕒 5:30 PM

Hosts: Paul & Nancy Combs

📍 Hickory Bar-B-Q

1082 Brown St., Dayton

April 16

🕒 6:00 PM

Hosts: Alex & Sherry Temple

📍 Ralph's American Grill

123 Gano Rd., Wilmington

May

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Greg & Angela Rafuse

📍 TBD

TBD

June

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Larry & Terri Kopa

📍 TBD

TBA

July

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Donna Tucker & Dan Gorby

📍 TBD

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August

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Michael & Traci Mills

📍 TBD

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September

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Hosts: Wayne & Diane Dawson

📍 TBD

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October

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Hosts: Dean & Carol Tavener

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November

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Open

📍 TBD

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December

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Open

📍 TBD

TBA



January

No events scheduled

February

Feb 7 – Horsepower Farm

- 📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown
- 🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

March

Mar 7 – Horsepower Farm

- 📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown
- 🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mar 7 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

- 📍 201 E. North St., Springfield
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mar 19–21 – Corvette Expo

- 📍 Pigeon Forge, TN

April

Apr 4 – Horsepower Farm

- 📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown
- 🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Apr 18 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

- 📍 201 E. North St., Springfield
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Apr 18 – GDCC Corvettes & Coffee

- 📍 Air Force Museum
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Apr 23–26 – NCM Michelin BASH

- 📍 National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY

May

May 2 – Horsepower Farm

- 📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown
- 🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

May 9 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

- 📍 201 E. North St., Springfield
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

May 9 – Bud Chevrolet Corvette Cruise-In

- 📍 St. Mary's

May 16 – GDCC Corvettes & Coffee

- 📍 Air Force Museum
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

June

Jun 6 – Horsepower Farm

- 📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown
- 🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jun 6 – Hoosier Corvette Club Show

- 📍 7901 US 31 South, Indianapolis

Jun 14 – Classic Glass Corvette Club Show

- 📍 Roscoe Village
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Jun 19 – Voss-Hoss Cruise-In

- 📍 99 Loop Rd., Dayton
- 🕒 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Jun 20 – GDCC All Corvette Car Show

- 📍 Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway & Casino
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

July

Jul 4 – Horsepower Farm

- 📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown
- 🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jul 18 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

- 📍 201 E. North St., Springfield
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jul 18 – GDCC Corvettes & Coffee

- 📍 Air Force Museum
- 🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jul 26 – Cleveland Corvette Corsa Car Show

- 📍 140 Blaze Industrial Pkwy, Berea, OH
- 🕒 8:30 AM – TBD

August

Aug 1 – Horsepower Farm

📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Aug 15 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

📍 201 E. North St., Springfield

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Aug 15 – GDCC Corvettes & Coffee

📍 Air Force Museum

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Aug 27–29 – Corvettes of Carlisle

📍 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, PA

🕒 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Aug 29 – Eclipse Window Tinting & Greater Cincinnati Corvette Event

📍 2669 E. Kemper Rd., Cincinnati

🕒 11:00 AM – TBD

September

Sep 3–5 – NCM Anniversary Celebration

📍 National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY

Sep 5 – Horsepower Farm

📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sep 12 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

📍 201 E. North St., Springfield

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sep 13 – Lancaster All Corvette Car Show

📍 North Broad St., Lancaster

🕒 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

October

Oct 3 – Horsepower Farm

📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Oct 10 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

📍 201 E. North St., Springfield

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Oct 11 – National Road Corvette Club Gathering

📍 2777 Springfield-Xenia Rd, Springfield

🕒 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

November

Nov 7 – Horsepower Farm

📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

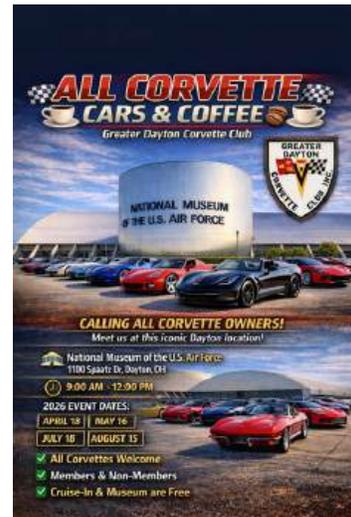
🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

December

Dec 5 – Horsepower Farm

📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM





President's Welcome

The February meeting was called to order with 36 members in attendance, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Although Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter on Groundhog Day, we remain optimistic that spring driving weather is just around the corner!

We were pleased to have new members **Karen & Don Thurman** join us for the evening. Karen has a C7 Grand Sport and Don has a C7 Stingray. Welcome!

No guest attended or GDCC members with new cars.

Announcements

Please continue to keep **Dean and Carol Tavener** in your thoughts as they grieve the loss of their son.

We also shared an update on **Carl Durbin**, who is currently undergoing testing at Miami Valley Hospital. At this time, visitors are not permitted. We will share updates as they become available. Please keep the Durbin family in your thoughts as well.

Secretary's Report

Larry Kopa motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Patty Landess and many others seconded the motions.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Oliver was unable to attend; Star Brooks presented the financial report.

January 1–31 Financial Summary:

- Beginning Balance: \$7,760.67
- Income (dues, Bud's Chevrolet sponsorship, 50/50): \$4,587.00
- Expenses (Club banner at museum): \$725.00
- Ending Balance: \$11,622.67

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2026 dues. Annual dues are **\$75**. If you did not receive your emailed invoice, please contact Nancy Olive – Treasurer.

Social Events & Upcoming Activities

Star advised our 2026 calendar is filling up quickly!

February Dinner Out

Friday, February 20 – 4:00 PM

Sky Grille at Hollywood Gaming

Members will meet at the main entrance, and we will have brief tour of where our annual car show will be held before dinner.

March Dinner Out

March 25 – 5:30 PM

Hosted by Paul and Nancy Combs

Hickory Bar-B-Que – Dayton

April Dinner Out

April 16 – 6:00 PM

Hosted by Alex and Sherry Temple

Ralph's American Grill – Wilmington

A sign in sheet is going around or see email for RSVP detail.

We are still looking for hosts for **November and December** Dinner Outs. Please contact Star if interested.

Special Events & Trips

- **National Corvette Museum Bash**
April 23–25 – Bowling Green, KY
Our club earned Level Three recognition in the Ambassador Program with 947 points! Members attending the Bash are encouraged to register early and secure hotel accommodations. Club group activities and dinner plans will follow.
- **May Outings Under Consideration**
Mecum Auction (Indianapolis)
Churchill Downs (Louisville)
- **Flag Day Celebration – June 14**
Belle Isle, Detroit
Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States and military branches. The goal is to create the largest American flag formed by Corvettes. GDCC Member Mike Mills brought this forward. More details to come.
- **Ladies' Brunch**
Hosted by Patty Landess – details forthcoming.

We are also looking to plan additional spring driving trips. If you have ideas, please share them!

We're on the hunt for a few more enthusiastic volunteers to join our Social Committee. If you're interested, feel free to reach out to Nancy or Star. They'll be happy to help!

Membership Report

Carol Travener was unable to attend; Jerry McElroy stepped in to fill in. Also, there weren't any new members joining us.

Email/Web Services Report

Greg Rafuse was unable to attend. Nothing to report.

Public Relations/National Corvette Museum Ambassador Report

Greg Fegan advised GDCC has been recognized for its achievements in the Ambassador Point Recognition Program, earning a total of **947 points**. This accomplishment places us in the **Level Three** category. As a result, the GDCC has received several museum memberships and passes that may be shared among our members. In addition, the GDCC will be formally recognized during the BASH event at the museum.

Greg provided an update on current sweepstake and raffles.

Greg encourage members to join us at the **Corvette Bash**, April 23–25. If you are interested in attending, please begin by registering on the museum website and securing hotel accommodations (several options are available

nearby). Once we have a confirmed list of attendees, we will coordinate group activities and arrange a members' dinner.

If you are planning a visit to the museum and are not currently a member, please contact Greg Fagan or Tom regarding the availability of Club passess.

Annual Car Show – June 20, 2026

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Hollywood Gaming

Planning is progressing well, and we are excited about several updates:

- Flyers are in development.
- Alex Temple invited The Ohio State Highway Patrol, and they confirmed they will display their C7 Corvette and a patrol cruiser.
- Greg Fagan is working with Corvette Care. They are return as a sponsor and may set up a display.
- A **Spirit Raffle** is being organized by Jerry McElroy featuring commemorative bottles (19 secured so far; goal is 30).
 - Tickets: \$25 each or 5 for \$100
- General door prize or pick a prize raffle will consist of donated gift cards.

We are seeking members willing to contact local and national businesses for raffle donations. Many organizations like Amazon, Krogers, Papa Johns, etc have online request forms for non-profits to apply to for fundraisers. but require advance notice.

As always, volunteers are essential to the success of our show. Committees will be forming soon—please consider signing up!

Club Business

- No new business was introduced.
- Name tags are available—see Star Brooks if needed.

Sponsorship Appreciation

We are grateful for the continued support of:

- Bud's Chevrolet – St. Marys, OH
- Corvette Care

Please support the businesses that support our club.

Special thanks to TJ Chumps for providing our meeting space and to our servers for the evening.

50/50 Raffle

\$100 was collected. True 50/50 split.
Winning Ticket: 594936
Winner: Steve Deffen

Congratulations!

Meeting adjourned at 1932L.

We look forward to seeing everyone next month—and hopefully welcoming warmer weather and driving season soon! 🏁

Next Meeting

March 18, 2026
7:00 PM
TJ Chumps





🔍 Words to Find

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AMERICAN	FIBERGLASS
BOWTIE	GRANDSPORT
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C3	MIDENGINE
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C5	SPLITWINDOW
C6	SPORTCAR
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Answers will be in March's newsletter.



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!



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. Call (614) 495-8999 www.corvettecare.com

