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Simply put, our Greater Dayton Corvette Club Car Show on June 20 was an outstanding success! We registered an incredible 219 Corvettes, making this one of our biggest and best shows yet.

There are so many people to thank for making this event possible, but first and foremost, thank you to our club members. Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm are what make events like this successful. You truly rock!

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the management and staff of Hollywood Casino Dayton Raceway. Their generosity and outstanding support have been instrumental in helping us grow our car show to the level of success we enjoyed this year.

In addition to the 219 registered Corvettes, we welcomed two new sponsors, received generous donations from several businesses and organizations, and collected seven new membership applications. Those are all tremendous accomplishments that reflect the strength and reputation of our club.

While we are still finalizing our revenue and expense totals, it appears we will be able to donate several thousand dollars to one or more veteran-focused charitable organizations. That's something every club member can be proud of. Although this year's show was unquestionably a success, our Car Show Steering Committee will be meeting soon to discuss opportunities for improvement so we can make next year's event even better.

You'll find a more detailed recap of the car show in the "Vettes, Vibes and Victory Laps" section of this newsletter, so be sure to read through it. I also encourage everyone to attend our next business meeting on July 15, where we'll present a comprehensive review of the event.

As we move into July, the fun and fellowship continue! We have a full calendar of activities, including the annual Centerville/Washington Township Americana Parade, a day ride and dinner to Camp Dennison, our Club's Corvettes and Coffee event at the Air Force Museum, and a ride to Young's Dairy to celebrate National Ice Cream Day. Be sure to visit the club website for complete event details.

Best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy, and enjoyable Fourth of July. Happy 250th Birthday, America! We are truly blessed to live in this great nation.

Star and I hope to see you soon.

Tom

Michael Gary – 2019 Grand Sport

Every high roller has a story, and Michael Gary's winning hand was dealt more than 60 years ago.

Growing up in Bayside, New York, six-year-old Michael was captivated by a neighbor's baby blue 1964 Corvette Sting Ray. Nearly every day, he'd wait by the driveway for a chance to ride along as the car made its short trip into the garage. Those few moments planted a dream that would last a lifetime.

Through the years, Corvettes always caught Michael's eye. While friends admired muscle cars, he never stopped thinking about owning America's Sports Car.

Fast forward to retirement. With decades of dreaming in the rearview mirror, Michael decided it was finally time to cash in his chips. While visiting a Chevrolet dealership to explore Corvette options, he spotted a stunning black 2019 Grand Sport sitting under a canopy. When the salesman fired it up and he heard the Corsa exhaust, Michael knew he'd hit the jackpot.

With only 3,750 miles on the odometer, premium upgrades, and a coveted Number 12 dash badge, the car checked every box. After one test drive, the bet was over—the house didn't win this one.

Today, Michael enjoys driving and caring for his beautiful 2019 Black Grand Sport, which he affectionately calls "Black Beauty." While he plans to add a future C8 Grand Sport X to the garage, one thing is certain:

Black Beauty isn't going anywhere.

After a lifetime of waiting, Michael finally hit the Corvette jackpot.



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!



All Bets Paid Off: GDCC Hits the Jackpot with a record GDCC's Annual All Corvette Cruise-In

Sometimes you've got to know when to take a chance.

When the Greater Dayton Corvette Club decided to move our Annual All Corvette Cruise-In to Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway, it was a bit of a gamble. A new venue, a new layout, and plenty of unknowns. But as it turns out, we hit the jackpot.

The day began with a few light rain showers that had some of us checking the radar and crossing our fingers. Fortunately, Mother Nature folded her hand early, the skies cleared, and the rest of the day turned into a winner.

By the time the cards were on the table, an incredible 219 Corvettes had rolled into Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway, representing an estimated \$11 million worth of America's Sports Car. Corvette enthusiasts were treated to an amazing display spanning every generation, from a beautiful 1954 Corvette Roadster to the all-new C8 ZR1.

The event attracted Corvette enthusiasts from across the region, including members of at least seven Corvette clubs. Seeing so many clubs come together made for a truly special day and showcased the camaraderie that makes the Corvette hobby so rewarding.

The action wasn't limited to the show field. Our sponsors, **Corvette Care** and **PF Wraps**, enjoyed a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. Both vendors shared that they couldn't have been more pleased with the engagement they received and described the Cruise-In as one of the best Corvette events they have attended. Their positive feedback was another sign that our move to Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway was a winning bet.

While we're still crunching the numbers on registrations, raffles, and event expenses, one thing is already certain—we raised a record amount of money for charity. Final figures will be announced at our July club meeting once all totals have been finalized. In honor of America's 250th Anniversary, proceeds from this year's Cruise-In will benefit one or more veteran-related charities, helping us give back to the men and women who have served our nation. Thanks to the incredible support of our participants, sponsors, and volunteers, we're confident this year's event will make a meaningful impact in our community.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our members, sponsors, volunteers, and participants. From planning and setup to registration, parking, raffles, and cleanup, countless hands helped make this event a success.

To every member who donated items, sold raffle tickets, parked cars, greeted guests, stuffed goodie bags, worked registration, helped with setup and cleanup, or volunteered in any capacity—thank you. Your dedication helped make this year's Annual All Corvette Cruise-In our largest, most successful, and most enjoyable event yet.

The odds were good, the weather cooperated, and the Greater Dayton Corvette Club walked away with a winning hand.







NCM Insurance: A Smart Bet for Your Corvette

When it comes to protecting your Corvette, don't leave things to chance.

NCM Insurance offers agreed value coverage designed specifically for Corvette owners, giving you the confidence that your prized ride is protected should the unexpected happen. Whether your Corvette is a daily driver, weekend cruiser, or garage-kept showpiece, NCM Insurance can help you stack the odds in your favor.

- ♠ Agreed Value Coverage
- ♥ Corvette-Friendly Specialists
- ♦ Flexible Coverage Options
- ♣ Peace of Mind Every Time You Hit the Road

Ready to place a winning bet on protecting your Corvette? Contact NCM Insurance today for a no-obligation quote tailored to your needs.

Bonus Hand: If you request a quote—or already have coverage through NCM Insurance—be sure to let Greg F. know. Every quote and policy helps GDCC earn valuable NCM Ambassador points!

🎰 Protect Your Investment. Play the Long Game.

[NCM Insurance - Protect Your Vehicle](#)

National Corvette Museum Collections Building: A Winning Hand for Corvette History

The cards are on the table, and the National Corvette Museum is holding a winning hand!

Construction of the new Collections Building is moving full speed ahead. This exciting addition will allow the Museum to properly safeguard priceless donated artifacts while welcoming even more rare Corvettes and historically significant treasures that tell the complete story of America's Sports Car.

Think of it as raising the stakes for Corvette preservation. The expanded facility will provide additional exhibition space, enhance storytelling opportunities, and offer the behind-the-scenes experiences that Museum Members and visitors have come to appreciate.

But every great jackpot starts with players willing to invest in the game.

This transformative project is only possible because of the continued support of Corvette enthusiasts like you. Please consider making a donation to help the National Corvette Museum cash in on this once-in-a-generation opportunity and ensure the Corvette legacy remains a winning bet for future generations.

- ♠ Preserve the History.
- ♥ Protect the Legacy.
- ♦ Invest in the Future.
- ♣ Keep the Corvette Story Rolling.

[Expansion | National Corvette Museum](#)



National Corvette Museum Membership: A Winning Bet

Looking for one of the best values in the Corvette world? Here's a sure thing.

Membership in the National Corvette Museum starts at just **\$60 annually** (\$100 for a family membership), and in many cases, a single visit can pay for itself.

As a member, you'll enjoy exclusive benefits, insider access, special events, and the satisfaction of helping preserve the history and heritage of America's Sports Car.

- ♠ Exclusive Member Benefits
- ♥ Special Events & Experiences
- ♦ Discounts & Savings
- ♣ Supporting the Corvette Legacy

In a world full of long-shot bets, NCM Membership is a jackpot for Corvette enthusiasts.

Hot Wheels Jackpot!

Place Your Bets... on Hot Wheels!

Greg and Debbie Fagan are collecting **NEW Corvette Hot Wheels** for the National Corvette Museum's Educational Program, and every donation helps put a smile on a future Corvette enthusiast's face.

-  Every kid's a winner.
-  Every Hot Wheel is a winning ticket.
-  Every donation helps fill the prize vault.

Bring your new Hot Wheels to any club meeting, and Greg and Debbie will make sure they get delivered to the Museum. To date we have 25 and we would like to be able to donate 100 by the Anniversary celebration at the end of August.

Dealer's Choice: Any new Hot Wheels are welcome.

House Favorites: Chevys.

Not Allowed at the Table: Mustangs. 😊♠♥♦♣

Help us hit the jackpot and make sure every young visitor leaves with a cool set of wheels!

🎲 The odds of making a kid smile? 100%.

NCM Ambassador Points: Stack the Deck in GDCC's Favor!

Don't leave points on the table!

Every time you interact with the National Corvette Museum, GDCC has an opportunity to cash in valuable NCM Ambassador Points. Just be sure to let Greg Fagan know about your activities so our club can continue building its winning streak.

There are plenty of ways to help fill the jackpot:

- ♠ Request an NCM Insurance quote
- ♥ Purchase raffle or sweepstakes tickets
- ♦ Make a donation to the Museum
- ♣ Attend NCM events and activities
-  Become an NCM Member
- 🏁 Enjoy track time at NCM Motorsports Park
-  Purchase commemorative bricks or tributes

Every point earned helps improve GDCC's standing in the Ambassador Program and can lead to valuable rewards for our members.

Bonus Round: If you're planning a trip to the National Corvette Museum and aren't yet a member, contact Greg Fagan or Tom Brooks first. Thanks to our club's strong participation in the Ambassador Program, we may have guest passes available.

🎲 The more members who play, the bigger the payoff for the entire club!



Corvette Jackpot Alert!

Don't miss your chance to win a legendary **2012 Corvette ZR1** finished in **Blade Silver Metallic** with an **Ebony interior**.

 **Entry Deadline:** September 6, 2026

 **Drawing Date:** September 17, 2026

This isn't just another Corvette—it's one of the most sought-after performance Corvettes ever built. Enter today and you could be driving away with the winning hand!

 **Place your bet on America's Sports Car. Use promo code DAYTON for bonus entries!** 

For full details and how to enter, visit the NCM website:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/2012-corvette-zr1-coupe-sweepstakes/#2012-sweeps-enter-now>

Current Raffles: current Corvette raffles, somebody has to win—and it might as well be a GDCC member.

Visit <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/> to purchase your tickets—no need to be in Kentucky to participate!

2027 Arctic White Grand Sport Coupe 7/16/2026

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1323

Drawing: July 16, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

2027 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/6/2026

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1722

Drawing: August 6, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: September 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

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Where the Fun Never Folds

The cards are on the table, and the GDCC summer social calendar is loaded with winning hands! Whether you're cruising, dining, parading, or enjoying coffee with fellow Corvette enthusiasts, there are plenty of opportunities to cash in on fun and fellowship in the weeks ahead.

Americana Festival Parade – July 4

The first big play of the month takes place on Independence Day as GDCC once again rolls through Centerville in the annual Americana Festival Parade.

Rudy and Nancy Oliver are serving as our parade pit bosses, coordinating club participation and helping keep our Corvette caravan moving smoothly. A sign-up sheet circulated during the meeting, and additional details have already been emailed to participating members.

If you're joining the parade, polish those Corvettes and get ready to celebrate America's birthday in style!

Schoolhouse Restaurant Cruise & Dine – July 11

Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker have put together a winning combination of scenic roads and great food.

The club will cruise to the Schoolhouse Restaurant and General Store in Camp Denison, where Donna shared some exciting news—the restaurant is opening one hour early exclusively for GDCC members. That's the kind of VIP treatment usually reserved for high rollers!

This promises to be another great day of driving, dining, and making memories with fellow club members.

Corvettes & Coffee – July 18

Our next Corvettes & Coffee event takes place Saturday, July 18, from 9:00 AM until Noon at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

1572 BBQ Ride & Dine – August 9

Mike and Traci Mills are planning another sure bet for Sunday, August 9.

Members will enjoy approximately 90 minutes of scenic backroad cruising before cashing in at 1572 BBQ in Harveysburg. Additional details will be announced soon, but this event is already shaping up to be a winning hand.

Still to Come

The GDCC calendar remains stacked with opportunities to gather, drive, and enjoy the Corvette lifestyle.

Club Picnic — August 29

Christmas Party (Tentative) — December 12

As always, members are encouraged to bring new ideas to the table and volunteer to help with future events. After all, the more players at the table, the more fun the game becomes.

Until next time, keep your tanks full, your cards close, and your Corvettes rolling. The next winning hand is just around the corner! 

Your Social Committee



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 12

🕒 5:30 PM

Hosts: Greg & Angela Rafuse

📍 Doubleday's Grill & Tavern

776 N. Main St, Springboro

June 3

🕒 6:00 PM

Hosts: Larry & Terri Kopa

📍 El Meson

903 E. Dixie Dr, Dayton

July 11

🕒 1:30 PM

Hosts: Donna Tucker & Dan Gorby

📍 Schoolhouse Restaurant & General Store

Meet in the shopping center lot behind

McDonald's (6662 Wilmington Pike, Bellbrook)

for a caravan to dinner or meet at 3:00 PM at the

Schoolhouse (8031 Glendale Milford Rd, Camp

Denison, OH).

August 9th

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Michael & Traci Mills

📍 1572 BBQ Ride and Dine

There will be approximately 90 minutes of

scenic backroad cruising before arriving at 1572

BBQ in Harveyburg, OH.

September

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Wayne & Diane Dawson

📍 TBD

TBA

October

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Dean & Carol Tavener

📍 TBD

TBA

November

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Herbi & Judy Smith

📍 TBD

TBA

December

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Open



July

Jul 4 – Horsepower Farm

📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Jul 4 – Dayton Cars & Coffee

📍 Austin Landings

🕒 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Jul 4 – Centerville Americana Parade

📍 Centerville, Our staging area CP92 is on the north end of Compark Road.

🕒 9:00 AM

Lunch at at Old Scratch Pizza on Franklin Street immediately following the parade.

Jul 4 – Street Elite Corvette Club

📍 10255 McIntosh Rd SW, Pataskala

🕒 9:00 AM – 5:00 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 1 – Dayton Cars & Coffee

📍 Austin Landings

🕒 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

August Continued

Aug 8 – Ft Thomas Corvette Club Annual Car Show

📍 200 Third St, Newport KY

🕒 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Aug 8 – Capital City Corvette Club Vettes Rods & Classic Car show

📍 825 Tech Center Dr, Gahanna OH

🕒 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Aug 15 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

📍 201 E. North St., Springfield

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Aug 14 – GDCC Cruise-in/Ralph's American Grill

📍 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington

🕒 5:00 PM – 10:00 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 – GDCC Picnic

📍 Hobson Freedom Park, 2910 Trebein Rd, Fairborn

🕒 12:00 PM

Aug 29 – Eclipse Window Tinting & Greater Cincinnati Corvette Event

📍 2669 E. Kemper Rd., Cincinnati

🕒 11:00 AM – TBD

Aug 29 – Dayton Cars & Coffee

📍 Austin Landings

🕒 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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 11 – GDCC Cruise-in/Robert's Center End of Summer Bash

📍 123 Gano Rd, Wilmington

🕒 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sep 12 – Springfield Cars & Coffee

📍 201 E. North St., Springfield

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

September Continued

Sep 13 – Lancaster All Corvette Car Show

📍 North Broad St., Lancaster

🕒 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sep 19– Corvette Cruise at Toledo Speedway

📍 5639 Benore Rd, Toledo

🕒 1:00 PM – ?

Sep 26 – Dayton Cars & Coffee

📍 Austin Landings

🕒 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

🕒 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Oct 24 – Dayton Cars & Coffee

📍 Austin Landings

🕒 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Dec 12 – GDCC Christmas Party

📍 TBD

🕒 TBD





Maintenance & Tech Tip: Don't Gamble with Your Brake Fluid

When was the last time you checked your Corvette's brake fluid?

Unlike engine oil, brake fluid slowly absorbs moisture over time—even if your Corvette spends most of its life parked in the garage. As moisture builds up, braking performance can decrease and internal brake components may be more susceptible to corrosion.

Don't leave your stopping power to chance. Watch for these warning signs:

- ♠ Dark or cloudy fluid
- ♥ A soft or spongy brake pedal
- ♣ More than 2-3 years since the last brake fluid service
- ♦ Reduced confidence during hard braking

Fresh brake fluid helps maintain consistent pedal feel, protects expensive brake components, and ensures your Corvette is ready when you need to cash in on its performance.

Tech Tip: A low-mileage Corvette isn't holding a winning hand. Time—not just miles—is the biggest factor in brake fluid deterioration.

Dealer's Choice: Have your brake fluid inspected during your next service visit. It's a small investment that can pay big dividends in safety and performance.

Remember: Horsepower may get you to the table, but good brakes help you leave a winner! 



GREATER DAYTON CORVETTE CLUB June 2026 Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026 | TJ Chumps – Fairborn, Ohio

Opening Deal

President Tom Brooks called the meeting to order with 57 Corvette enthusiasts at the tables, all ready to play their part in what promises to be one of GDCC's biggest events ever.

Members proudly stood for the Pledge of Allegiance before settling in for an evening full of updates, laughs, and final preparations.

While no guests attended, we were pleased to welcome newer members Randy and Kathy Barney, owners of a 1967 Corvette Coupe. Craig and Jane Brown were also in attendance and recently added a 2017 Long Beach Red C7 to their garage.

Winners Circle Highlights

Before turning our attention to the big jackpot awaiting us at Hollywood Gaming & Dayton Raceway, let's take a look back at a few recent hands that paid off big for GDCC members.

Churchill Downs Road Trip

Tom and Star Brooks were dealt a winning hand when they organized a fantastic road trip to Churchill Downs. Fourteen Corvettes and twenty-seven members made the journey south, joined by several friends from the Brookville Corvette Club.

The horses weren't the only ones running that day.

While everyone enjoyed the races, one member managed to beat the odds a little better than the rest. Greg Fagan hit the jackpot and cashed out more than \$240 ahead! Sources close to the winner report that Greg's Corvette spent the entire ride home with smile.

Dinner Out at El Meson

Larry and Terri Kopa once again proved that when it comes to selecting dinner destinations, they're holding a royal flush.

The June 3rd Dinner Out at El Meson in West Carrollton attracted a great crowd and featured outstanding food, excellent service, and a private dining room that gave members plenty of time to swap Corvette stories, road trip memories, and perhaps a few tall tales.

Nobody left hungry, and everyone left feeling like a winner.

Cassel Food Truck Night

Ted and Colleen Cassel rolled out the red carpet and opened the doors to what can only be described as a Corvette enthusiast's version of a high-roller suite.

Twenty-two GDCC members attended their annual Food Truck Night and enjoyed great food, great company, and an up-close look at Ted's impressive collection of Corvettes, Porsches, motorcycles, and automotive memorabilia.

By the end of the evening, several attendees reported a condition known as "Garage Envy"—a common side effect when exposed to too many cool toys in one location.

Brookville Car Show

Several GDCC members took a chance on the weather and attended the Brookville Car Show. Despite a few clouds hovering over the table, the event turned out to be a winner.

When Brookville's DJ was unexpectedly unable to attend, GDCC stepped in and loaned its PA system to help keep the show rolling.

Consider it another example of Corvette clubs always being willing to put their chips in the middle and help one another out when needed. That's the kind of teamwork that always pays dividends.

Officer & Committee Reports

With the preliminaries in the rearview mirror, Vice President Jerry McElroy stepped up as the evening's dealer and called for Officer and Committee Chairs reports, inviting each officer and committee chair to show its hand and share the latest club updates.

Secretary Report – Alex Temple

In the interest of keeping the action moving and saving more time for Cruise-In excitement, Larry Kopa played his ace early by moving to dispense with the reading of the May meeting minutes. The motion was quickly backed by several members and passed without needing to shuffle the deck.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Oliver

Nancy stepped up to the cashier's cage and presented the Club's monthly financial report. The good news? GDCC's chips are stacked nicely, and the Club remains in excellent financial shape as we head into our biggest fundraising event of the year.

Social Committee Report- Star Brooks

"The Action Table"

Star Brooks reminded everyone that the big day is finally here:

GDCC 's Annual All Corvette Cruise-In

Saturday, June 20 • 11 AM - 3 PM

Hollywood Gaming & Dayton Raceway

If excitement could be measured in horsepower, the room would have been somewhere north of a ZR1.

Then Star unveiled a full deck of upcoming activities, giving members plenty of chances to keep their Corvettes rolling and their calendars full.

Barrett-Jackson Auction Trip

The first card on the table is a possible group trip to Columbus for the Barrett-Jackson Auction, June 25–27. Discussions are underway, and while this hand is still being dealt, details will be shared by email as they become available.

Americana Festival Parade

On Saturday, July 4th, GDCC will once again roll through Centerville as part of the Americana Festival Parade. Rudy and Nancy Oliver are serving as our parade pit bosses and coordinating participation. A sign-up sheet made its way around the room, and additional details have already been emailed to members.

Schoolhouse Restaurant Cruise & Dine

Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker have organized a winning combination of scenic roads and great food on Saturday, July 11th. The group will meet behind the McDonalds in Bellbrook and then cruise to the Schoolhouse Restaurant and General Store in Camp Denison, where Donna shared that the restaurant is opening its doors one hour early exclusively for GDCC. That's the kind of VIP treatment usually reserved for high rollers!

Corvettes & Coffee

Our next Corvettes & Coffee takes place Saturday, July 18th, from 9:00 AM until Noon at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Be sure to grab some flyers and help spread the word as we promote our final two Corvettes & Coffee events of the season. Every flyer distributed is another spin of the wheel toward an even bigger turnout.

1572 BBQ Ride & Dine

Mike and Traci Mills are planning another sure bet for Sunday, August 9th. Members will enjoy approximately 90 minutes of scenic backroad cruising before cashing in at 1572 BBQ in Harveysburg OH. More details will be coming soon, but this one already looks like a winning hand.

Still to Come

The Club's event calendar remains stacked with opportunities for fun and fellowship:

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 Christmas Party (Tentative) – December 12

As always, members are encouraged to bring new ideas to the table and volunteer to help with future events. After all, the more players at the table, the more fun the game becomes!

Membership Report – Carol Tavener

Carol reported that GDCC's membership remains a full house at 165 members, proving once again that Corvette enthusiasm is alive and well throughout the Miami Valley.

Carol has also been stacking the prize pot for Saturday's Cruise-In. Thanks to the generosity of our members, she has collected:

 **66 gift cards** for door prizes

 **\$265 in cash donations** to purchase additional gift cards.

Web & Email Report – Greg Rafuse

Greg reported that traffic to the GDCC website has been on a hot streak in recent weeks. Thanks to Casino's advertising, social media promotion, and Alex Temple's countdown posts, interest in Saturday's event continues to climb.

Greg also reported that five-member email addresses have been bouncing back. Like a few misplaced chips on the casino floor, we're still trying to determine who they belong to. The good news is that two members with bounced emails were in attendance, and their information will be corrected.

That still leaves three mystery email addresses somewhere in the deck. If you haven't been receiving Club emails, please see Greg to verify your contact information and help us cash in on a full house.

Public Relations & Sponsorship Report – Greg Fagan

Greg Fagan reported another winning streak on the sponsorship front. Thanks to his outreach efforts, two of our club sponsors will push their chips to the center of the table in support of our Annual Cruise-In:

✓ Corvette Care of Columbus

✓ Performance Wraps of Miamisburg

Both businesses continue to be valued partners of GDCC, helping us stack the deck with two displays promises to be a fantastic event.

Greg also reminded members that one of the easiest ways to help the Club hit the jackpot is by spreading the word. Event flyers remain available, and members were encouraged to take a few and share them.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador Report – Greg Fagan

Greg Fagan stepped up to the table to share the latest news from the National Corvette Museum, where Corvette dreams and lucky winners seem to go hand in hand.

Greg highlighted several upcoming NCM events that are sure to attract Corvette enthusiasts from across the country, including:

 **R8C Reunion**

 **Member Appreciation Day**

Of course, no casino-themed meeting would be complete without talking about chances to win a new Corvette!

Greg reviewed several of the National Corvette Museum's current Corvette raffles and sweepstakes, reminding members that somebody has to win—and it might as well be a GDCC member.

Members were encouraged to use promo code **DAYTON** when entering NCM raffles and sweepstakes to receive bonus entries and improve their odds of hearing those magic words: *"Congratulations, you're the winner!"*

Stacking the Deck for Future Corvette Enthusiasts

Greg is also continuing to collect Hot Wheels vehicles for donation to the Museum's educational programs. These miniature Corvettes are distributed to children visiting the Museum and help inspire the next generation of Corvette fans.

VIP Passes Available

Planning a trip to Bowling Green? Before paying full admission, check with Greg Fagan or Tom Brooks. The Club currently has Museum admission passes available, giving members a chance to enjoy a little VIP treatment and save a few chips for the gift shop.

Whether it's a raffle ticket, a sweepstakes entry, a Museum visit, or helping introduce a child to the Corvette hobby, the National Corvette Museum continues to prove that the best bets are the ones that help preserve and celebrate America's Sports Car.

Cruise-In Final Countdown – Tom Brooks

The Main Event – All Bets Are In!

With only three days remaining until the cards are dealt, excitement is building, and the countdown clock is ticking. Months of planning, countless volunteer hours, sponsorship outreach, prize gathering, flyer distribution, and social media promotion have all led to this moment.

The table is set, the chips are stacked, and GDCC is preparing to go all-in for what could be one of the largest and most successful Cruise-Ins in Club history. We are hoping for 150-200 Corvettes.

The Pit Bosses (Steering Committee)

Behind every successful casino operation is a team making sure everything runs smoothly. For our Cruise-In, that responsibility falls to the Steering Committee:

♠ Tom Brooks

♥ Jerry McElroy

♦ Greg Fagan

♣ Greg Rafuse

 Dennis DeHaan

 Alex Temple

Together, this team has spent months stacking the deck for success and making sure every detail is ready before the first Corvette rolls through the gate.

The Dealers & Table Managers (Team Leads)

Every casino needs great dealers, and every Cruise-In needs great volunteers. Our team leads are ready to keep the action moving:

 Greeters & Entry Fee Collection – Rudy Oliver

 Parking Operations – Greg Rafuse & Dennis DeHaan

 Registration & Goodie Bags – Star Brooks

 Photography, Media, Signage & Project Management – Alex Temple

 Membership Table – Tom & Star Brooks

 Door Prize Headquarters – Carol Tavener

 50/50 & Pick-A-Prize Action – Nancy Combs

 Bourbon Raffle Boss – Jerry McElroy

 Club Shirt Sales – Terri Kopa & Sherry Temple

Stuffing the Jackpot

Before anyone can cash in on the fun, the goodie bags must be loaded with prizes and giveaways.

Volunteers will gather on **Friday, June 19 at 4:00 PM** in the Paddock Reception Area at Hollywood Gaming & Dayton Raceway for the annual Goodie Bag Stuffing Party.

Think of it as our version of loading the slot machines before the casino opens. With nearly 200 bags to prepare, many hands will help make light work. We have some really nice items donated this year for our goodie bags.

Opening Bell – Saturday Morning

All volunteers should plan to arrive by **8:30 AM**.

By **10:00 AM**, our Greeters, Parking Crew, and Registration Team should be ready to open the doors and welcome participants.

Members arriving early will be parked in the premium front display areas, giving attendees an immediate look at some of the beautiful Corvettes that make GDCC such a special club.

By the time the first attendees arrive, we'll be ready to roll the dice, spin the wheel, and hopefully cash in on a full house of Corvettes at Hollywood Gaming & Dayton Raceway.

Mother Nature appears to be holding a winning hand as well, with an excellent weather forecast currently in place.

Highlights include:

-  Live Band
-  Food Trucks
-  Beer Garden
-  Ohio State Highway Patrol Corvette
-  2026 Corvette ZR1X
-  Bourbon Raffle
-  Door Prizes
-  Pick-A-Prize Raffles
-  Generation Row Display (C1-C8)

In other words...

Members attending Saturday's Cruise-In may want to bring their lucky rabbit's foot.

There will be plenty of chances to win.

★ **High Roller Recognition**

Tom Brooks offered a special shout-out to Alex Temple for helping turn the Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway partnership into a reality.

Tom also recognized Alex's work on:

-  Advertising
-  Graphics
-  Social Media
-  Project Management

Tom noted that much of the excitement surrounding this year's event can be traced directly to the tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work performed over the last several months.

The membership responded with a well-deserved round of applause.

Casino Security Alert

Not every player at the table is legitimate!

Judy Smith advised members to be on the lookout for suspicious emails appearing to come from either her or Herbi. These messages are likely spam and should be treated like a counterfeit chip at the blackjack table—don't play it.

If you receive one of these messages, do not open it, respond to it, or click on any links. When in doubt, fold the hand and move on.

Remember, the only jackpots we want members winning are at our Cruise-In—not from internet scammers promising fake prizes.

Old Business – Still in Play

Some items are still on the table and remain available for members.

Name Tags & Window Clings

Need a name tag? Missing a window cling?

Star Brooks is still serving as the Club's "cashier's cage" for these items and can help get you set up. Don't leave chips on the table—see Star if you need either one.

After all, every good player should be properly identified before taking a seat at the table!

New Business – Bonus Round

Before the evening's final drawing, a few more winning opportunities were placed on the table.

Club Shirts

Looking to upgrade your Corvette wardrobe? Club shirts remain available through Sherry Temple and Terri Kopa. Whether you're attending a Cruise-In, parade, or dinner outing, sporting your GDCC colors is always a safe bet.

Sponsor Recognition

Every successful casino needs great partners, and the same holds true for a successful Corvette club. Tom took a moment to recognize the businesses that continue to help GDCC stack the deck for success:

🏠 Bud's Chevrolet – St. Marys, Ohio

🏠 Corvette Care – Columbus, Ohio

🏠 Performance Wraps – Miamisburg, Ohio

These businesses have invested in our Club and our events, and members were encouraged to return the favor whenever possible. Supporting our sponsors is one way we can help ensure everyone keeps winning.

50/50 Drawing

Tonight's pot reached \$156.

The winning ticket belonged to:

🎉 Boris Tirpack

Boris walked away with \$78 and bragging rights until next month's meeting.

Cashing Out

With all cards played and business concluded, the meeting adjourned at **7:46 PM**.

Next Meeting

📅 Wednesday, July 15, 2026

🕒 7:00 PM

📍 TJ Chumps – Fairborn

"May your tank stay full, your roads stay open, and your Corvette always be a winning hand"



The New GDCC Classifieds Section!

Got a Corvette, parts, accessories, or memorabilia to sell? The Greater Dayton Corvette Club newsletter now has a dedicated classifieds section just for our members!

Whether it's a Corvette looking for a new garage or extra parts ready for a new project, this is the place to connect with your fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Submit Your Listings To:

alexatemple@aol.com

Please include:

- Description
- Price
- Photos (if available)
- Contact information

Clean out the garage, make room for your next upgrade, and ...**REV IT & LIST IT!**

For Sale:

Forgeline SE 1 wheels

19x8.5 and 20x11, 2 each

Transparent Smoke

Fit C7 Stingray

\$3,500.

Also, unmounted Michelin Sport 4S summer tires

2 245/35ZR 19

2 305/30ZR20

\$800

Contact r.oliver6368@gmail.com





The words may be horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

This month's theme is Casino. You'll find the answers in July's newsletter!

Good Luck!

Word Search Grid

Casino

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Every winning table needs strong partners, and GDCC has three aces in our hand. We're proud to have the continued support of **Bud's Chevrolet, Corvette Care, and Performance Wraps**. Their generosity helps keep our club rolling and makes many of our events possible.

Bud's Chevrolet has been a loyal supporter of our club for many years, and we're proud to support their outstanding annual car show each year. Their continued generosity, including an incredible \$2,400 in annual sponsorship support, means so much to our club and the events we're able to provide.

If you're in the market for a new or pre-owned Corvette — or any Chevrolet vehicle — we highly encourage you to give Bud's Chevrolet a visit first. They're located in St. Marys and have always been great supporters of the Corvette community.

For more information, feel free to contact Jim Hendricks at jim@budschevy.com or call (800) 688-2837. Their team is always happy to help!

To see Bud's current Corvette inventory click here: <https://www.budschevy.com/corvette-for-sale/>



Performance Wraps, based in Miamisburg, is our newest and valued sponsors specializing in paint protection film, vehicle wraps, stripes, accents, and custom automotive styling.

Whether you're looking to protect your Corvette — or your daily driver — or give it a fresh custom look, their team delivers high-quality craftsmanship and attention to detail.

From full wraps and racing stripes to paint protection and custom accents, Performance Wraps can help keep your vehicle looking showroom ready both on and off the road. For more information, call (937) 535-2400 or visit www.performancewraps.com



Corvette Care, one of our newer sponsors based in Columbus, specializes exclusively in Corvettes. With more than 50 years of experience in Corvette service, maintenance, performance upgrades, and restoration, they're a trusted source for expert Corvette care.

As a special benefit, GDCC members receive 10% off all services. When it comes to Corvettes, that's all they do — so keep Corvette Care in mind for your future service and restoration needs.

Call (614) 495-8999 or visit www.corvettecare.com for more information.



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