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### TOTAL FOLLOWERS

**1729**

↑ 28

UP IN LAST 28 DAYS

### GENDER



**75%**  
MEN



**25%**  
WOMEN

### AGE



### TOP LOCATIONS

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| 📍 Beavercreek, OH | 17.1% |
| 📍 Dayton, OH      | 17.1% |
| 📍 Centerville, OH | 12.9% |
| 📍 Other           | 52.9% |



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I hope you're enjoying the summer driving season and finding plenty of opportunities to get behind the wheel of your Corvette...whether it's for a scenic cruise, a car show, or one of our club events.

A few years ago, club member Greg Fagan had a simple idea: bring Corvette enthusiasts together for an informal Corvettes & Coffee gathering at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Nothing elaborate, just a chance to enjoy great cars and great company. If you've had the opportunity to attend one of these events, you know how enjoyable they are.

What started as a small gathering has grown into something truly special. At our most recent event on July 18, more than 100 Corvettes filled the lot! To top it off, WHIO-TV stopped by to cover the event and interviewed Greg about its success. What a terrific way to showcase both our passion for Corvettes and the camaraderie of the Greater Dayton Corvette Club. We have every reason to be proud.

If you caught Greg's TV interview, you may have noticed he was proudly wearing an official GDCC logo shirt. It's a great reminder that club apparel helps promote our organization wherever we go. If you don't already have a club shirt, I encourage you to order one. Sherry Temple is coordinating apparel orders and has all the details. You can see her at our next meeting or contact her by email.

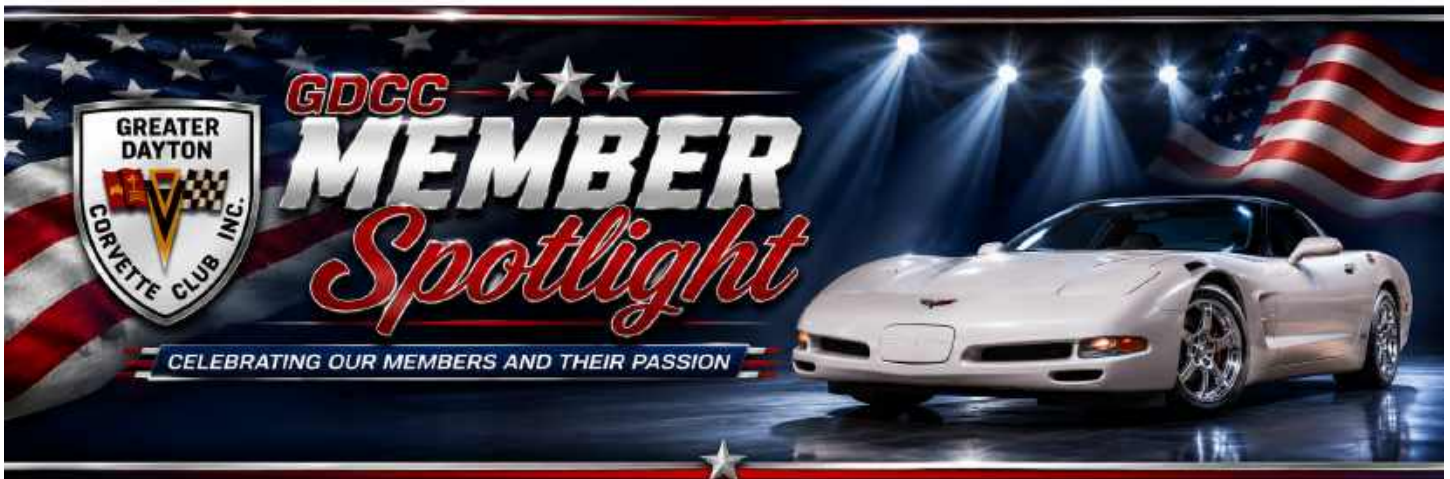
Speaking of meetings, I was delighted to see such a great turnout at our July business meeting. Monthly meetings are one of the best ways to stay informed about club activities, meet new members, reconnect with friends, and help shape the future of our club. While the meeting officially begins at 7:00 p.m., many members gather around 6:00 p.m. for dinner and conversation before the meeting begins. It's a great time to relax, socialize, and get to know fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

We include a summary of each meeting in the newsletter, but there's nothing quite like being there in person. If you're new to the club, or if it's been a while since you've attended a meeting, I hope you'll join us for our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 19.

Be sure to check out the list of August social events in the Meeting Minutes section of this newsletter, as well as on our website and Facebook page. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event and, as always, enjoy the ride!

Cheers!

Tom



## Honoring Those Who Served

As our nation celebrates America's 250th Anniversary, the Greater Dayton Corvette Club proudly recognizes the veterans and active-duty military members in our club whose service and sacrifice have helped preserve the freedoms we cherish. Their courage, dedication, and commitment to our country have made it possible for generations of Americans to enjoy the open road, gather with family and friends, and celebrate America's Sports Car.

Throughout this special section, we are honored to share the stories of some of the remarkable men who have served our nation while also sharing a passion for Corvette. To each of them, and to all who have worn our nation's uniforms, we offer our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation.

We proudly salute you for your service and sacrifice. Thank you for helping keep America strong and free.    

### Larry Kopa

Larry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and proudly served his country for 10 years on active duty, including assignments at Bitburg Air Base, Germany, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He later continued supporting our nation's defense for another 28 years as a senior contracting officer with the Air Force Research Laboratory.

Larry and his wife, Theresa, joined the Greater Dayton Corvette Club in 1999 with their award-winning 1966 Tuxedo Black Corvette. Since then, they've owned a 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette, a 2009 C6, and today enjoy cruising in their 2011 Cyber Gray C6 while making memories on Route 66 and countless GDCC adventures.

Reflecting on both his military career and his years with GDCC, Larry summed it up best: *"As with our military time, the club has been like family."* For more than 25 years, Larry and Theresa have lived those words through their leadership, volunteerism, and dedication to fellow members and GDCC.

 Thank you, Larry, for your service to our country and for helping make the Greater Dayton Corvette Club a family for so many others.



## Jacob Thoma

Jacob is one of our newest members and has proudly served in the U.S. Air Force since 2014 as a Ground Transportation (Logistics) specialist (AFSC 2T171). His assignments have taken him from Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, to Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, and today he serves at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

His passion for Corvettes began in Oklahoma after riding in a friend's Torch Red C5 Z06. "The acceleration instantly had me hooked," Jacob recalls. After receiving orders to Ohio, he and his wife began searching for the perfect Corvette. They found it in a 2010 Jetstream Blue Grand Sport, and he hasn't looked back since.

Although the Grand Sport remains mostly stock, Jacob has already added a few personal touches and has plans for future performance upgrades. He admits he still finds excuses to walk out to the garage just to admire it—and it's always the cleanest vehicle he owns!

We appreciate Jacob's continued commitment to serving our nation and are excited to see where his Corvette journey takes him. We're proud to have him as part of the GDCC family. 🇺🇸 🚗



## George McCaffrey

George served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1964 to 1967 before continuing his service in the U.S. Air Force Reserves from 1967 to 1971. Stationed at Clinton County Air Force Base in Wilmington, Ohio, he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-5) and served as a Budget Specialist.

George has owned three Corvettes over the years: a 1958 Fuel Injected Corvette, a 1968 big-block 427 Corvette that he purchased new, and most recently, a 2003 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette, which he purchased in March 2026.

We're glad George's Corvette journey has come full circle and look forward to seeing him and his Anniversary Edition Corvette at many future club events.

Thank you, George, for your dedicated service to our country. We sincerely appreciate your commitment and are proud to have you as a member of GDCC.



## Wayne Dawson

Wayne served on active duty in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1972, training at Naval Training Centers in Great Lakes, Illinois, and San Diego, California. He continued serving in the U.S. Naval Reserve until his retirement in 1985, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. As a member of the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps, Wayne spent his military career prosecuting and defending criminal courts-martial, helping uphold justice and the high standards of the United States Navy.

Wayne's love for Corvettes began at just nine years old when his father took him to Lang's Chevrolet in Fairborn to see a brand-new 1953 Corvette. Since purchasing his first Corvette—a 1977 Dark Red Corvette—he has owned five Corvettes, including his current Long Beach Red 2019 Grand Sport Convertible. One of his favorites was a 2008 Corvette Convertible, which he proudly took delivery of at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Wayne, thank you for your dedicated service to our country. We sincerely appreciate your commitment and are proud to have you as a member of the Greater Dayton Corvette Club. 🇺🇸



## Anthony Montecalvo

Anthony served in the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Ohio Air National Guard from 1984 to 2011, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 27 years of service. As an F-16 Fighter Pilot, he was stationed in Texas, Arizona, Spain, Florida, and Ohio, protecting our nation's freedom with skill and dedication.

His love for Corvettes began in junior high after building a Revell Corvette model. That childhood dream became reality in 2014 with his first Corvette, a C6. Today, he proudly drives a 2019 Corvette C7 Grand Sport and, along with his wife, enjoyed the unforgettable experience of participating in last year's National Corvette Caravan.

Thank you, Lt. Col. Anthony Montecalvo, for your 27 years of honorable service to our nation. We are grateful for your sacrifice, proud to have you as a member of GDCC, and honored to share the road with an American hero. 🇺🇸🏁



## Herbie Smith

Herbie answered the call to serve by joining the United States Marine Corps on September 14, 1959. After completing recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Camp Pendleton, his military journey took him around the world, with assignments in Kodiak, Alaska; Memphis, Tennessee; Okinawa, Japan; and Vietnam. He faithfully served until his honorable discharge on March 4, 1964.

Among the highlights of his military career was his participation in Operation SHU-FLY, the first deployment of Marine helicopter squadrons into Vietnam. The mission was to improve the mobility of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam in its fight against the Viet Cong, marking the beginning of a new chapter in military aviation and America's involvement in Vietnam. Herbie was there from the very beginning.

Ask Herbie about his service, and one thing becomes immediately clear—he is, and always will be, a proud United States Marine.

His passion for American excellence didn't end with his military service. Over the years, Herbie has owned four Corvettes—a 2002, 2005, 2013, and 2015—all convertibles, and with the exception of one, all proudly finished in red.

The Greater Dayton Corvette Club is honored to recognize Herbie for his service, sacrifice, and dedication to our country. Marines like Herbie helped shape history through courage, commitment, and unwavering devotion to duty.

Semper Fidelis, Herbie, and thank you for your service to our nation. 🇺🇸🦅



**CALLING ALL GDCC VETERANS!**

OUR VETERAN SPOTLIGHT RETURNS IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF *FIBERGLASS FLASHES*

If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces, we'd be honored to share your story and recognize your service.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**SEND US:**

- A PHOTO**  
In uniform or with your Corvette
- MILITARY INFORMATION**
  - ★ Branch of Service
  - ★ Years Served
  - ★ Rank
  - ★ A brief military bio
- CORVETTE BIO**  
Tell us about your Corvette(s) and your Corvette story!

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15**

Whether you served during wartime or peacetime, at home or overseas, every veteran has a story worth preserving and sharing.

*Thank you for your service!*

**GREATER DAYTON CORVETTE CLUB**  
DRIVEN SINCE '62 – FUELED BY PASSION, UNITED BY CORVETTE



## Red, White, Blue... and Corvettes Too!

If July proved anything, it's that the Greater Dayton Corvette Club knows how to celebrate summer in style. From patriotic parades and scenic cruises to an old schoolhouse turned restaurant, aviation history with our cruise in at the National Museum of United States Air Force, and a stop for homemade ice cream, our members packed the month with unforgettable memories, great fellowship, and plenty of miles behind the wheel of America's Sports Car.

### Cruising Through America's Birthday – July 4

We kicked off Independence Day by proudly representing GDCC in the Centerville Americana Parade. An impressive 22 Corvettes rolled through the streets of Centerville, celebrating America's 250th Birthday while thousands of spectators lined the parade route.

Nothing turns heads quite like a caravan of Corvettes. Young children pointed with excitement while the "adult kids" smiled just as big, with our Corvettes rumbling by. The unmistakable growl of V8 engines echoed through downtown Centerville, and a few lucky spectators were even treated to the timeless magic of pop-up headlights from our C3, C4, C5s—a feature that still brings smiles decades later.

Leading our parade lineup was Cindy McBee in her eye-catching U.S. flag-wrapped C7 Grand Sport. Add in her patriotic pants and red, white, and blue cowboy hat, and she looked like Lady Liberty had traded in her torch for a Corvette. If Cindy had added any more patriotism, she'd probably have needed a permit!  

It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only America's Sports Car, but also the camaraderie and pride of the Greater Dayton Corvette Club.





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## 🍷 Dinner with Friends – July 11

Not even a little rain could keep the Greater Dayton Corvette Club parked in the garage.

Although Mother Nature delivered wet roads and scattered showers throughout the day, more than 30 GDCC members still made the trip to our monthly Dinner Out at the historic Schoolhouse Restaurant & General Store in Camp Dennison. Several members proved they weren't afraid of getting their babies a little wet, bringing their Corvettes out despite the rainy forecast. After all, Corvettes were built to be driven!

Our hosts, Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker, once again put together an outstanding outing. The scenic drive through southwest Ohio led members to one of the area's hidden gems, where the Schoolhouse Restaurant rolled out the red carpet by opening an hour early exclusively for GDCC.

Great food, plenty of laughter, and even better conversation reminded us that while we all love driving our Corvettes, it's the friendships and fellowship that truly make every trip memorable. Rain or shine, the Greater Dayton Corvette Club knows how to have a great time together. 🌧️🏁🍷



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## ✈️ Corvettes & Coffee Takes Flight – July 18

Mother Nature finally came through.

After battling less-than-ideal weather earlier this season, our third Corvettes & Coffee gathering at the National Museum of the United States Air Force couldn't have been more perfect. Bright blue skies, warm temperatures, and plenty of sunshine welcomed about 100 Corvettes to one of Ohio's most unique automotive gathering spots.

Rows of beautifully polished Corvettes filled the parking area alongside one of the world's premier aviation museums, creating an incredible display that featured every Corvette generation. Members spent the morning catching up with old friends, meeting new fellow enthusiasts, and sharing stories while surrounded by both American automotive and aviation history.

As if the weather wasn't exciting enough, our event even attracted a visit from Dayton's Channel 7 News! The news crew captured footage of the impressive lineup of Corvettes and interviewed our very own Greg Fagan. If you happen to catch the segment on TV, keep an eye out for Greg's television debut. Rumor has it he's already accepting nominations for an Emmy... or at least bragging rights at the next club meeting! 🏆

Sometimes the best events are the simplest—great cars, great friends, beautiful weather, and maybe even a future television star.



*"Move over, Tom Cruise...we've got our own star!"*

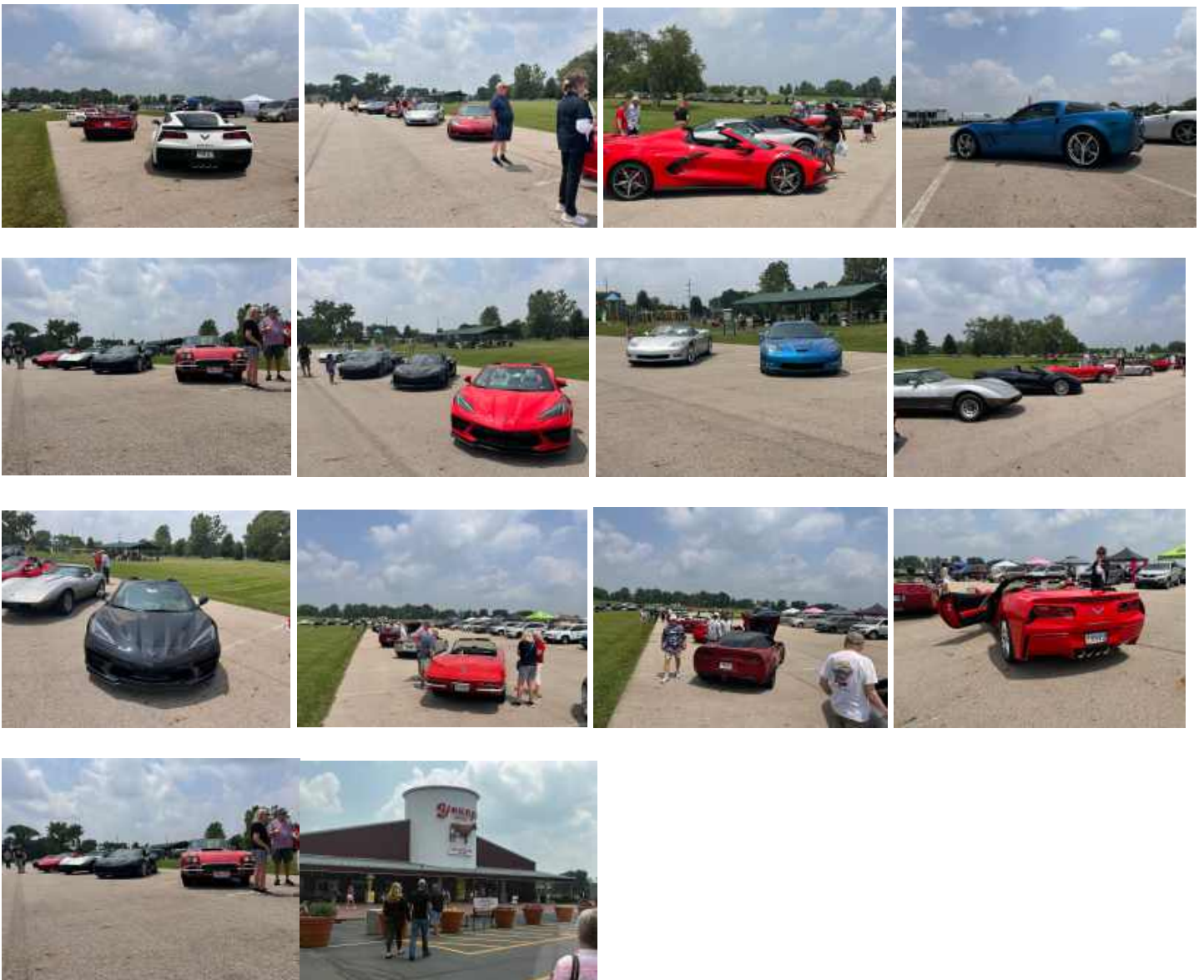
## 🍦 A Sweet Finish – National Ice Cream Day

We wrapped up July by celebrating National Ice Cream Day the best way Corvette owners know how—behind the wheel of America's Sports Car!

A total of 16 Corvettes departed Hobson Freedom Park in Fairborn, with a 17th Corvette joining the caravan along the route. A few more club members met us at Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs making a total of 20 Corvettes, making for an even larger gathering of friends and Corvettes.

Our cruise through the beautiful Greene County countryside showcased a fantastic parade of Corvettes, turning heads and drawing plenty of smiles along the way. Once we arrived, members cooled off with homemade ice cream, sundaes, milkshakes, and great conversation.

It was the perfect red, white, and blue ending to another outstanding month of cruising, friendship, and celebrating the freedom of the open road. 🇺🇸 🏁 🍦





### **NCM Insurance: Protecting an American Icon**

Your Corvette is more than just a car—it's a piece of American automotive history.

Whether you drive it every day, enjoy weekend cruises, or preserve it as a cherished classic, NCM Insurance offers coverage designed specifically for Corvette owners. With agreed value coverage and Corvette experts on your side, you can enjoy every mile with confidence.

#### **Agreed Value Coverage**

#### **Corvette Insurance Specialists**

#### **Flexible Coverage Options**

#### **Confidence for Every Drive**

Protect the car that represents the best of American performance. Contact **NCM Insurance** today for a no-obligation quote tailored to your Corvette.

### **Bonus for GDCC Members!**

If you request a quote—or already have an NCM Insurance policy—please let **Greg F.** know. Every quote and policy helps the Greater Dayton Corvette Club earn valuable National Corvette Museum Ambassador points, supporting the Museum and its mission.

### **Protect America's Sports Car. Drive with Confidence.**

[NCM Insurance - Protect Your Vehicle](#)

### **National Corvette Museum Membership: Join in Preserving an American Icon**

As America celebrates 250 years of freedom and innovation, there's never been a better time to support the home of America's Sports Car.

Membership in the National Corvette Museum starts at just \$60 per year (*\$100 for a Family Membership*), and for many visitors, a single trip to the Museum can more than cover the cost.

As a member, you'll enjoy exclusive benefits while helping preserve the history, heritage, and future of the Corvette for generations to come.

#### **Exclusive Member Benefits**

#### **Special Events & Member Experiences**

#### **Museum Discounts & Savings**

#### **Support the Legacy of America's Sports Car**

Every membership helps ensure that the stories, innovations, and traditions of the Corvette continue to inspire future generations.

### **Honor the Past. Celebrate the Present. Drive into the Future.**

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



## **National Corvette Museum Collections Building: Preserving an American Legacy**

As America celebrates its 250th Anniversary, we're reminded of the importance of preserving the history that defines our nation—including the legacy of America's Sports Car.

The National Corvette Museum's new Collections Building is an investment in that legacy. Designed to protect priceless artifacts, historic Corvettes, and one-of-a-kind memorabilia, this new facility will ensure future generations can experience the rich heritage and innovation that have made the Corvette an American icon.

The expanded Collections Building will:

-  Safeguard irreplaceable Corvette artifacts
-  Preserve historically significant Corvettes
-  Expand educational and exhibit opportunities
-  Inspire future generations of Corvette enthusiasts

This once-in-a-generation project is made possible through the generosity of Corvette owners and supporters across the country. If you're able, please consider making a donation to help preserve the history of America's Sports Car for generations to come.

 Together We Can:

-  **Preserve the History**
-  **Honor the Legacy**
-  **Inspire the Future**
-  **Celebrate 250 Years of American Innovation**

 **Protecting the past. Inspiring the future. Preserving America's Sports Car.**

## [Expansion | National Corvette Museum](#)

### **Help Inspire the Next Generation**

Help us share the excitement of America's Sports Car with future Corvette enthusiasts!

Greg and Debbie Fagan are collecting NEW Corvette Hot Wheels for the National Corvette Museum Educational Program, where every donated Corvette helps put a smile on a child's face.

 **We've collected 25 so far—our goal is 100 by the end of August!**

Bring your NEW Corvette Hot Wheels to any club meeting, or cruise-in and Greg and Debbie will deliver them to the Museum.

**Preferred:** Corvette Hot Wheels

**Accepted:** Any new Hot Wheels

 **Mustangs... we'll leave those for someone else!**

 **Help us pass the Corvette legacy on—one Hot Wheel at a time!** 

## **NCM Ambassador Points: United in Preserving an American Icon**

As we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, every Corvette owner has an opportunity to help preserve the legacy of America's Sports Car.

Whenever you support the National Corvette Museum, be sure to let Greg Fagan know. Your participation helps the Greater Dayton Corvette Club earn valuable NCM Ambassador Points, strengthening our partnership with the Museum while benefiting our club.

### Ways You Can Help

-  Request an NCM Insurance quote
-  Become a National Corvette Museum Member
-  Purchase raffle or sweepstakes tickets
-  Make a donation to the Museum
-  Attend NCM events and activities
-  Enjoy track time at NCM Motorsports Park
-  Purchase a commemorative brick or tribute

Every point earned helps preserve the history of America's Sports Car while supporting GDCC through the National Corvette Museum Ambassador Program.

### Planning a Visit?

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 outstanding participation in the Ambassador Program, complimentary guest passes may be available.

 United by Corvette. United in Preserving an American Icon. 

## **Celebrating 32 Years of Preserving America's Sports Car**

As our nation celebrates 250 years of American independence, Corvette enthusiasts have another reason to celebrate—the National Corvette Museum's 32nd Anniversary Celebration, taking place September 3–5, 2026, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

This annual event brings together Corvette owners from across the country for three days of scenic road tours, educational seminars, a Museum-Judged Corvette Show, Motorsports Park driving experiences, and the 2026 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the heritage, innovation, and enduring legacy of America's Sports Car.

More than just a museum, the National Corvette Museum preserves Corvette history while inspiring future generations of enthusiasts. As proud supporters of the Museum, the Greater Dayton Corvette Club encourages members to experience this special event and help celebrate one of America's greatest automotive icons.

We hope to see a few familiar GDCC Corvettes proudly representing our club at the NCM this September. Until then, keep the spirit of America's Sports Car alive—one mile at a time!  



## 🇺🇸 Own an American Legend 🇺🇸

Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with your chance to win a legendary 2012 Corvette ZR1 in Blade Silver Metallic with an Ebony interior.

📅 Entry Deadline: September 6, 2026. 🎟 Drawing: September 17, 2026

Every entry supports the National Corvette Museum and helps preserve the legacy of America's Sports Car.

🇺🇸 Use promo code **DAYTON** for bonus entries!

🏁 Drive an American Legend. Preserve an American Legacy.

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 Corvette Raffles: Your Chance to Own an American Legend**

The National Corvette Museum's current raffles offer the opportunity to own one of America's most iconic sports cars while supporting the preservation of Corvette history. Every ticket helps keep the Corvette legacy alive for generations to come.

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

### **2027 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/6/2026**

Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000 Available: 1722

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

### **2027 Pitch Gray Corvette Convertible 8/27/2026**

Price: \$200.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1346

Drawing: August 27, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

### **2027 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible 9/4/2026**

Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1397

Drawing: September 4, 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

### **2027 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/24/2026**

Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1395

Drawing: September 24, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time





## Red, White, Blue... and Ready to Cruise!

Nothing captures the spirit of freedom like the open road and America's Sports Car. August is filled with opportunities to cruise, connect with friends, and make new memories with the Greater Dayton Corvette Club.

### Here's what's coming up:

#### **August 8 – Two Great Corvette Events!**

Whether you head south or east, August 8 offers two outstanding opportunities to represent the Greater Dayton Corvette Club and America's Sports Car.

Our friends at the Ft. Thomas Corvette Club are celebrating their 25th Annual Car Show at the Hofbräuhaus in Newport, Kentucky. As longtime supporters of our Annual Cruise-In, this is a great opportunity to return their hospitality and show our appreciation. If you'd like to join the GDCC caravan, contact Star Brooks.

Also on August 8, the Capital City Corvette Club will host its Vettes, Rods & Classic Car Show in Gahanna, Ohio. Their club has also been a valued supporter of GDCC, making this another chance to strengthen the friendships that unite Corvette enthusiasts across the region. If you plan to attend, contact Alex Temple at alexatemple@aol.com so we can organize a caravan and proudly represent the Greater Dayton Corvette Club.

No matter which event you attend, proudly represent GDCC, enjoy the camaraderie, and celebrate the freedom of the open road behind the wheel of America's Sports Car.

#### **August 9 – Drive & Dine**

Hit the back roads with Mike and Traci Mills as they lead a scenic drive to the 1572 Roadhouse Bar-B-Q at Renaissance Park in Waynesville. Great roads, great food, and great company—what more could you ask for? Send Mike and email if you want to join.

#### **August 14 – Summer Cruise-In at Ralph's American Grill**

Join us for a fun, relaxed evening at Ralph's American Grill in Wilmington. Bring your Corvette, enjoy live music, delicious food, and spend time with fellow Corvette owners and enthusiasts. With Ralph's unique R&L Trucking and Racing-themed atmosphere, it's the perfect setting for another memorable GDCC summer evening.

#### **August 15 – Corvettes & Coffee (and Donuts!)**

Let's end the season in patriotic style! Join us at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force for our final Corvettes & Coffee. Great cars, great friends, and a salute to America's heritage.

#### **August 19 – Monthly Club Meeting**

Join us at T.J. Chumps for food, fellowship, and our monthly business meeting. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see everyone there!

#### **August 29 – Annual GDCC Picnic**

We'll close out August at the Annual GDCC Picnic at Hobson Freedom Park. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate the friendships that unite us and the freedom to enjoy America's Sports Car. Bring a side dish or dessert, and let's make it another memorable day together!

*See you in the fast lane,*

**Your Social Committee**



### January 14

🕒 6:00 PM

**Hosts:** Rudy & Nancy Oliver

📍 Fu Mon Lau

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

🕒 3:00 PM

**Hosts:** Michael & Traci Mills

📍 1572 BBQ Ride and Dine

Meet at TJ Chumps (Fairborn) for a scenic 90-minute backroad cruise to 1572 BBQ in Harveyburg.

### September

🕒 TBD

**Hosts:** Wayne & Diane Dawson

📍 TBD

TBA

### October

🕒 TBD

Hosts: Dean & Carol Tavener

📍 TBD

TBA

### November

🕒 TBD

**Hosts:** Herbi & Judy Smith

📍 TBD

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### December

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## 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

### 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 23 – Clark County Partners in Prevention Cruise-in

📍 570 E. Leffel Lane, Springfield OH

🕒 12:00 PM – 3:30 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

### 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

### 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

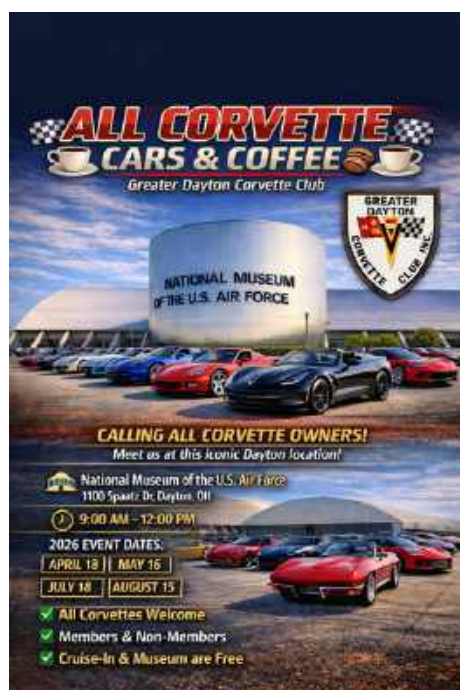
📍 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Dec 12 – GDCC Christmas Party

📍 TBD

🕒 TBD



## Corvette Gathering XXI



On the road to Ohio's Largest All Corvette Show - September 13, 2026

Showtime: Sunday 10-5 Registration \$20

GPS: Use 130 S. Broad St., Lancaster, OH 43130 for entry point (\$5 Broad St. Cheatsheet)

Convenient location event from to all registrants. Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawings, DJ

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## 🇺🇸 Tech Tip: Keep It Looking Showroom Proud 🇺🇸

For more than 70 years, the Corvette has stood as a symbol of American innovation, performance, and style. Whether you own a classic C1 or the latest C8, protecting your Corvette's finish is one of the easiest—and most rewarding—forms of maintenance.

Start by washing your Corvette with a pH-balanced automotive soap using the two-bucket method to reduce the chance of swirl marks. Dry the paint with clean microfiber towels or a blower to prevent water spots, especially on dark-colored cars.

To maintain that showroom shine, apply a quality wax or ceramic detail spray every few months. These products help shield your paint from UV rays, bug acids, road grime, bird droppings, and other contaminants that can dull your finish over time.

Don't forget the details:

- 🧼 Clean your wheels with a dedicated wheel cleaner to remove brake dust.
- 🛞 Dress your tires with a non-greasy protectant for a rich, factory appearance.
- 🪞 Use an automotive glass cleaner for crystal-clear visibility.
- ✨ Finish with a quick detail spray before cruise-ins to remove fingerprints and light dust.

A few extra minutes in the garage today will keep your Corvette looking parade-ready for tomorrow's cruise, car show, or weekend adventure.





## GDCC July Meeting Minutes

**July 15, 2026**

Sixty-four members gathered at TJ Chumps for another outstanding evening of Corvette fellowship, club business, and excitement for the road ahead. President Tom Brooks called the meeting to order as members proudly stood for the Pledge of Allegiance—a reminder that the freedoms we enjoy, including cruising America's highways in America's Sports Car, were earned through the sacrifices of our nation's heroes.

Before the meeting officially began, Carol Tavener and Judy Smith added a little extra fun by selling and raffling off six remaining gift cards from our Annual All Corvette Cruise-In. Six lucky members went home winners, while the raffle generated an additional to support future club activities.

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### **Welcome Guests, New Members & New Corvettes**

GDCC was pleased to welcome several guests, including Randy Levein and his wife Kathy, proud owners of a beautiful 2025 Corvette C8. They learned about the club through member Bill Buckey and came to see what the Greater Dayton Corvette Club is all about. We also welcomed Angela, who joined us with her friend Patience Parrish, owner of a C7 Stingray.

We were excited to welcome back Jordan Smith, whose last-minute drone footage helped capture our June Cruise-In at Hollywood Gaming. Jordan plans to come in August to film our Summer Cruise-In at Ralph's American Grill in Wilmington. Unfortunately, his request to capture aerial footage at our Air Force Museum Corvettes & Coffee event could not be approved because the required 60-day notice wasn't met, but we appreciate his continued support and look forward to seeing more of his outstanding work.

A special welcome goes to Jim Nock and his wife Kathy, who attended their first membership meeting after joining GDCC during our June Cruise-In. They proudly own a stunning 1969 Monaco Orange Stingray Coupe, and we look forward to seeing them at many future club events.

Congratulations were also extended to Brian Willhite who recently traded a 2014 Black Stingray Convertible for a beautiful 2023 Black Stingray Convertible.

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## **President's Announcements**

President Brooks expressed his sincere appreciation to the many volunteers whose hard work, generosity, and dedication made the 2026 Greater Dayton Corvette Club Annual All Corvette Cruise-In our most successful event to date.

Special recognition was given to our outstanding Steering Committee and Team Leaders:

- Jerry McElroy
- Greg Fagan
- Alex Temple
- Dennis DeHaan
- Greg Rafuse
- Carol Tavener
- Nancy Combs
- Star Brooks
- Rudy Oliver
- Nancy Oliver
- Sherry Temple
- Terri Kopa

Please join us in thanking these dedicated volunteers. Their countless hours of planning, organizing, and teamwork helped showcase what makes the Greater Dayton Corvette Club one of the premier Corvette clubs in the region.

President Brooks also reminded members that a complete Cruise-In recap would be presented later in the meeting.

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## **Celebrating America on the Open Road**

One of the highlights of July was the club's participation in the Centerville Americana Parade on Independence Day.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Rudy and Nancy Oliver for organizing this patriotic tradition. Twenty-two Corvettes proudly represented GDCC as polished fiberglass, waving American flags, and the unmistakable rumble of Corvette V8s delighted thousands of spectators celebrating our nation's birthday. Following the parade, many members gathered at Archers Restaurant to continue the fellowship over lunch.

Special thanks were also extended to Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker for organizing the July 11 scenic drive to the Schoolhouse Restaurant in Camp Denison.

Mother Nature tried to interfere, but Corvette enthusiasts aren't easily discouraged. Although a few members left their prized Corvettes tucked safely in the garage, many embraced the rain and enjoyed another memorable road trip. Dan and Donna even pre-drove the route three separate times to ensure a safe, scenic, and enjoyable cruise. Their preparation paid off with another fantastic afternoon filled with beautiful roads, great food, and even better friendships.

Members were also reminded that anyone unable to attend a monthly meeting can always stay informed by reading the complete meeting minutes published each month in Fiberglass Flashes.

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## **Officer & Committee Reports**

### **Secretary – Alex Temple**

Greg Rafuse made a motion to approve the June Membership Meeting minutes as published. Patty Landess seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer – Nancy Oliver**

Nancy presented the monthly financial report and thanked club members for donating more than \$2,200 worth of gift cards that were used as door prizes during our June Annual All Corvette Cruise-In.

### **Social Committee – Star Brooks & Nancy Combs**

The road ahead is packed with opportunities to enjoy America's Sports Car, and the Social Committee reminded members of the exciting events still to come.

### **Saturday, July 18**

#### **Corvettes & Coffee**

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force  
9:00 AM – Noon

### **Sunday, July 19**

#### **National Ice Cream Day Cruise**

Join Alex Temple for a scenic cruise to Young's Jersey Dairy.  
Meet at Hobson Freedom Park in Fairborn at 1:30 PM.

### **Saturday, August 8**

Members have two outstanding Corvette events to choose from:

- Caravan to the 25th Annual Ft. Thomas Corvette Club Car Show. A signup sheet was available during the meeting or contact Star Brooks.
- Caravan to the Capital City Corvette Club Charity Car Show in Columbus. Contact Alex Temple if you'd like to participate.

### **Sunday, August 9**

Mike and Traci Mills will lead a scenic 90-minute backroad cruise to 1572 BarBQ in Harveysburg.

Members will meet at TJ Chumps in Fairborn at 3:00 PM before heading out. Mike asked everyone planning to attend to email him at [luvdua@gmail.com](mailto:luvdua@gmail.com) so he can verify everyone's contact information. Mike also provided a little bit of information about the route planned.

As an added incentive, if 40 members attend, 1572 BarBQ has offered to provide a brisket for the group.

## **Friday, August 14**

Join fellow members for the first GDCC Summer Cruise-In at Ralph's American Grill in Wilmington.

Enjoy a relaxed evening featuring food and drink specials, live music, and great Corvette fellowship. Veterans, active military, and first responders will receive discounts. We'll also hold a 50/50 and Pick-a-Prize Raffle featuring items that remained unclaimed from our June Cruise-In.

## **Saturday, August 15**

Let's finish the season strong at the final Corvettes & Coffee of the year at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

## **Saturday, August 29**

Our annual GDCC Picnic returns to Hobson Freedom Park.

The club will provide the main entrée, drinks, and table service. Members are asked to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Members were encouraged to attend, invite fellow Corvette enthusiasts, and volunteer whenever possible. Great clubs are built by great members.

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## **Membership**

Carol Tavener proudly announced that GDCC membership has grown to an impressive 183 members, continuing another record-setting year for the club.

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## **Email & Web Services**

Greg Rafuse reported continued progress improving the club website, enhancing email processes, and developing additional website features.

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## **Public Relations & National Corvette Museum**

With Greg Fagan unable to attend, President Brooks encouraged members to pick up flyers promoting our upcoming Corvettes & Coffee events and NCM sweepstakes and raffles.

Members were also reminded that Hot Wheels donations continue to be collected for children visiting the National Corvette Museum. Anyone planning a trip to Bowling Green should also remember that complimentary museum passes remain available through the club.

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## Old Business

### Annual All Corvette Cruise-In Recap

The final numbers are in—and they're worth celebrating!

- 219 Corvettes Registered
- Registration Revenue: \$4,380
- Bourbon Raffle: \$1,985
- Pick-a-Prize Raffle: \$550
- 50/50 Raffle: \$760 (*with the winner generously donating the winnings back to GDCC*)
- Event Expenses: \$1,265
- Net Proceeds: \$6,390

In honor of America's 250th Anniversary, the club voted to dedicate this year's proceeds to support local veterans.

Following discussions with Hollywood Gaming, it was determined that while Tunnel to Towers could not be accommodated through their charitable giving program, the Dayton Vet Center would become this year's beneficiary. The Dayton Vet Center provides counseling, transportation assistance, addiction recovery services, mental health care, and guidance navigating VA benefits for the men and women who have proudly served our country.

Then came the biggest surprise of the evening.

Rather than simply matching the club's contribution, **Hollywood Gaming announced they will donate an incredible \$10,000 to the Dayton Vet Center.**

What an outstanding example of community partnership and support for our local veterans!

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### Looking Ahead to 2027

Planning is already underway for an even bigger and better Annual All Corvette Cruise-In.

Hollywood Gaming expressed how pleased they were with this year's event and enthusiastically invited GDCC back in 2027.

Because another major event will occupy the Paddock area during the third Saturday in June, Hollywood proposed moving our Cruise-In to Saturday, June 12, using the spacious north parking lot, which can accommodate up to 500 Corvettes. Hollywood Gaming also committed to providing tents, cooling fans, food trucks, portable restrooms, and many other amenities that we would need to make 2027 event a tremendous success.

The alternative would have been moving the event to mid-July in order to remain in the Paddock area and reception area.

Following discussion and a show of hands, members overwhelmingly supported **Saturday, June 12, 2027**, ensuring another exciting Annual All Corvette Cruise-In while continuing our outstanding partnership with Hollywood Gaming.

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## New Business

Sherry Temple announced that a second order of GDCC polo shirts will be placed early next week. Members interested in ordering additional polos should see Sherry after the meeting or contact her by email.

Sherry also unveiled a sample of the new GDCC club hat, expected to cost approximately \$21, and received plenty of positive feedback.

Members needing replacement name tags or window clings were reminded to contact Star Brooks.

President Brooks also thanked our outstanding club sponsors—**Bud's Chevrolet, Corvette Care, and Performance Wraps**—whose continued support helps fuel the success of our club. Whenever possible, please support the businesses that proudly support the Greater Dayton Corvette Club.

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## 50/50 Drawing

Nancy Combs reported that **\$164** was collected during the evening's 50/50 drawing.

Greg Rafuse held the winning ticket and received **\$82**, but once again demonstrated the generosity that defines the Greater Dayton Corvette Club by donating every dollar of his winnings back to the club.

With no further business to come before the membership, President Tom Brooks thanked TJ Chumps and their outstanding staff for another evening of exceptional hospitality.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

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## Until We Meet Again...

Our next membership meeting will be **Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 PM** at **TJ Chumps**.

Until then, keep the shiny side up, enjoy the freedom of the open road, and proudly represent the Greater Dayton Corvette Club wherever your Corvette takes you. We'll see you down the road! 

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Words may appear forward, backward, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. This month's patriotic theme is **America**—Good luck!

## America

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### *The 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:

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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



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America's Sports Car is built on pride, passion, and tradition—and so is our club. We're grateful to Bud's Chevrolet, Corvette Care, and Performance Wraps for their continued support of the Greater Dayton Corvette Club. Their generosity helps keep the spirit of Corvette strong in our community.

America's Sports Car deserves an American dealership that shares the same passion and tradition. Bud's Chevrolet has been a proud supporter of the Greater Dayton Corvette Club for many years, and we're honored to support their outstanding annual car show each year.

Their generous annual sponsorship of \$2,400 helps fuel our club, our events, and our mission of celebrating the legacy of Corvette. We sincerely thank the entire Bud's Chevrolet team for their unwavering commitment to the Corvette community.

If you're looking for a new or pre-owned Corvette—or any Chevrolet vehicle—we encourage you to make Bud's Chevrolet your first stop. Located in St. Marys, they have earned a reputation for exceptional customer service and a genuine passion for America's Sports Car.

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As a valued GDCC sponsor, they're proud to offer club members a 10% discount on all services. When your Corvette deserves the very best, trust the experts who live and breathe America's Sports Car.

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Whether you're protecting your Corvette or giving it a fresh new look, their craftsmanship keeps your ride showroom-ready. We're proud to have Performance Wraps as a valued GDCC sponsor and supporter of the Corvette community.

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The Greater Dayton Corvette Club would like to recognize these local businesses and organizations for their generosity and support of our club and its activities. While they are not official club sponsors, their contributions and friendship are greatly appreciated.

TJ Chumps graciously provides a welcoming home for our monthly meetings, game nights, and other club gatherings. Their outstanding hospitality, excellent food, and friendly service have made every visit an enjoyable experience for our members.

We sincerely appreciate the continued support of the management and staff at TJ Chumps. Thank you for helping make the Greater Dayton Corvette Club feel right at home! 🏁🍔🇺🇸




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The Greater Dayton Corvette Club is proud to recognize Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway as a valued Club Supporter.

By hosting our 2026 Annual All Corvette Cruise-In, Hollywood Gaming has helped create one of the region's premier Corvette events. Their beautiful venue, outstanding hospitality, and dedicated staff played a key role in making this year's Cruise-In a tremendous success while supporting our charitable missions.

We sincerely appreciate their partnership and are excited to continue building on this success. We look forward to partnering with their team again for another fantastic **Greater Dayton Corvette Club Annual All Corvette Cruise-In on Saturday, June 12, 2027.**



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The National Museum of the United States Air Force provides the Greater Dayton Corvette Club with an exceptional venue for our popular Corvettes & Coffee gatherings. Surrounded by the rich history of aviation, our members enjoy sharing their passion for America's Sports Car while visiting one of the nation's most treasured museums. ☕🚗✈️

We sincerely appreciate the continued support and hospitality of the Museum and its outstanding staff. Thank you for providing such an inspiring setting where Corvette enthusiasts can come together to enjoy great cars, great conversation, and the unique heritage that makes **\*\*Dayton—the Birthplace of Aviation—\*\***so special. 🇺🇸

We look forward to many more mornings filled with coffee, camaraderie, and Corvettes at this world-class destination. Thank you for helping the Greater Dayton Corvette Club create lasting memories! 🚗☕❤️



## June's Word search answers

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