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Did you know?

For this month, let's do a few fast facts about the Corvette that enthusiast like yourself should know.

First Corvette with V-8 power: Although the very first production Corvette hit the streets in 1953, Chevy wouldn't replace its inline six-cylinder engine until 1955. That year, Chevy debuted its new optional 265-cubic-inch small-block V-8.

First Corvette coupe: All Corvettes produced from 1953–62 were convertibles. Then the C2 Corvette debuted in 1963 with two body styles, a convertible and a coupe with the famous split rear window. It was popular. Of the 21,513 Corvettes built that year, 10,594 were split-window coupes.

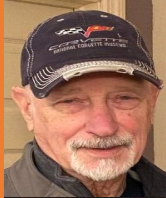
First Corvette with independent rear suspension: Also in 1963, the sports car's 10th year of production, the C2 became the first Corvette with an independent rear suspension. The design incorporated a transverse leaf spring, and it has remained a part of the Corvette's suspension design for the last 55 years.

First Corvette with fuel injection: In 1957 Chevy enlarged the Corvette's small-block from 265 cubic inches to 283. Three versions were available, including the top-of-the range "Fuelie" with the Ramjet mechanical fuel injection system. It was rated at one horsepower per cubic inch, a big deal at the time, and was the first fuel-injected production Corvette.

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Editors Notes

It's still early but so far this "car season" we've been able to get out for the April Air Force Museum event and many of us were able to make it up to Bud's and all I can say is, WOW! Such fantastic turnouts for both events. I hope that each of you will be able to make it out to our remaining Museum events in May, July and August and of course, the car show on June 23. Over 160 cars for that first museum event and I wanted to give a shoutout to all the people who helped and especially to Greg Rafuse for picking up the coffee and donuts and taking pictures all day long, THANK YOU GREG! Also, to Judy Smith, Pat Frymyer and Caroline Buckey who helped pass out the coffee/donuts, Paul and Nancy Combs for helping direct traffic and move cones around, and to anyone who helped out I didn't mention (I can't remember everyone, sorry, it's hell getting old!).





GDCC CALENDAR

May

5- 7th Annual Cruisin for a Cure for ALS- Lawrenceburg, IND

11- Bud's Chevrolet Cruise-In- St. Mary's Ohio (GDCC Sponsor)

11- Chosen Few Corvette Club Spring Fling-8am-4pm Quaker Steak and Lube- Columbus (Polaris)

15- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps Fairborn- 7PM

18- GDCC at National Museum of the Air Force- Dayton, OH

22- Dinner Out- Roger/Nancy Winterbotham-Buckhorn Tavern

June

1-Brookville Corvette Club Show- Reichard Chevrolet, Brookville, OH

8- Middletown War Bird Museum Cruise- In

19- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps Fairborn- 7PM

23- GDCC All- Corvette Car Show- Downtown Fairborn

28- Dinner Out- Bob/Freddie Haugh- Ann & Tony's

21-22- Bloomington Gold- Normal IL

21- Cars and Coffee- Austin Landing

July

4- Centerville 4th of July Parade

12- Voss Cruise-In- Voss Chevrolet Centerville 5pm-9pm

13- Eclipse Window Tint Corvette Cruise In- Cincinnati

17- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps- 7PM

27- GDCC at National Museum of the Air Force- Dayton, OH

20- Cars and Coffee- Austin Landing

TBD- Dinner Out- Pat Landess

August

TBD- Ft. Thomas, KY Car Show, Newport, KY

21- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps- 7PM

22-24- Corvettes at Carlisle

24- GDCC at National Museum of the Air Force- Dayton, OH

TBD- Dinner Out- Chris/Janis DeBord

29-31- National Corvette Caravan- National Corvette Museum 30th Anniversary- Bowling Green KY

September

2- Holiday at Home Parade- Kettering

8- Ohio Corvette Alliance 19th Annual Corvette Gathering- Lancaster, OH

18- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps Fairborn-7PM

21- Mid America Motorworks- Corvette Funfest 2024- Effingham, IL

TBD- Dinner Out- Milton/Melissa Jones- Ainsley's Brookville

TBD- East Tennessee Vette Fest, Pigeon Forge TN

TBD- Driven By Hope- Cruise for Leukemia and Lymphoma- Jeff Schmidt Chevrolet- Beavercreek, OH

October

TBD- Dinner Out- Wayne/ Diane Dawson

16- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps Fairborn-7PM

22- GDCC Birthday!!

November

TBD- Vets N Vettes- National Corvette Museum- Bowling Green, KY

TBD- Dinner Out- Herbie and Judy Smith

20- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps Fairborn-7PM

December

18- Monthly Meeting- TJ Chumps Fairborn-7PM

TBD- Dinner Out- Dean/Carol Tavener

GDCC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 2024

GREATER DAYTON CORVETTE CLUB (GDCC)

Minutes – April 17, 2024

Freddie Haugh called the meeting to order. Fifty-four members were in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Freddie:

- Thanked Bill and Caroline Buckey for hosting the dinner out to Hickory Barbecue on March 27. Great time with friends and good food.
- Said that our GDCC car show was posted on the National Corvette Museum calendar of events.

GUESTS:

The Club welcomed:

- Alex Temple owner of white 2002 Corvette.
- David Sandler owner of a gray C7 Grand Sport.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Pat Mosely called for the following committee reports:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Larry Kopa motioned dispensing with the reading of the March minutes. Seconded by Doris Murph.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Herbie Smith:

- Provided the report.
- Stated that we received \$200.00 from Bud's Chevrolet who sponsor our Club.

SOCIAL:

Person still required to fill this position.

Freddie provided the following:

- April 18: Dinner out, 5:30 p.m., El Toro Restaurant, Beavercreek OH hosted by Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker.
- April 20: GDCC sponsored meet and greet, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., National Museum of the Air Force.
- April 25-27: Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash, Bowling Green KY.
- May 5: Eighth Annual ALS cruise-in, Lawrenceburg IN. Our Club member, Ed Browne, has a sister with ALS. Let's show our support to this cruise-in. Gary Wells will lead a caravan from the Wal-Mart at I-275 and Colerain Avenue, Cincinnati OH. Meet at 8:00 a.m. if interested in caravanning.
- May 11: Bud's Chevrolet Corvette Car Show, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., St. Mary's OH. Freddie stated that we need to have a great showing from our Club to let them know we appreciate their support of GDCC.
- May 18: GDCC sponsored meet and greet, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., National Museum of the Air Force.
- May 22: Dinner out at Buckhorn Tavern, 6:00 p.m. Dayton OH hosted by Roger and Nancy Winterbotham. They have 9 spaces available if interested in attending. Contact Nancy if interested in attending.
- June 1: Brookville Car Show. Current plans are to meet at the McDonald's in Englewood on Route 40 and caravan to the car show. Reservations will be made at Rob's Restaurant. More information to follow.
- June 21-22: Bloomington Gold, Normal IL.
- June 22: Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, Centerville OH.
- June 23: GDCC Corvette Car Show, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Fairborn OH.
- June 28: Dinner out at Ann & Tony's, West Jefferson OH hosted by Bob and Freddie Haugh. More information to follow.
- July 4: Centerville Americana Parade. More information to follow.

- July 27: GDCC sponsored meet and greet, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., National Museum of the Air Force.
- July 27: Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, Centerville OH.
- July TBD: Dinner out hosted by Patty Landess. More information to follow.
- August 22-24: Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle PA.
- August 24: GDCC sponsored meet and greet, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., National Museum of the Air Force.
- August 29-31: National Corvette Caravan for National Corvette Museum 30th Anniversary, Bowling Green KY.
- August TBD: Dinner out hosted by Chris and Janis DeBord. More information to follow.

MEMBERSHIP:

Carol Tavener:

- Stated that we have 149 members.
- Thanked members for the door prize donations she has received. Terri Kopa also thanked those who made pick-a-prize donations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Greg Fagan stated that he will be at the Museum around 7:30 a.m. on April 20th as last year Corvette owners began showing up around 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be provided. For the May Corvette gathering at the Museum, he has arranged for a food truck.

EDITOR/WEBMASTER:

No report.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

AMBASSADOR:

- Greg Fagan reported for Tom Brooks that NCM purchased the land next to the Museum from the recreational vehicle business. It will be interesting to watch this land get developed.
- Donna Tucker reported for Star Brooks about the trip to Churchill Downs in Louisville KY on May 31st. Star has 9 spaces available for this trip. Contact her if interested in attending.

PRESIDENT:

Old Business:

Freddie:

- Ordered name tags but they have not arrived. She will have them at next month's meeting.
- Has information on the table about the June 6-8, 2024 Wisconsin Dells Adventure, the National Corvette Museum Caravan in 2024, and for the ALS Cruise-in on May 5th.
- Reminded members of Bud's Annual Corvette Gathering on May 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bud's is our Club sponsor. She encouraged members to show their support with a great turn out from GDCC. This is also a good time to pass out flyers for our car show.

New Business:

Freddie provided the following:

- Dave Saettel, one of our members, has his 2013 60th Anniversary Blade Silver Corvette for sale. It has a 3LT package, 31,000 miles, and a glass top. Dave will entertain offers over \$30,000 or he will use as a trade-in. Contact him at 937-2397 or daseattel@hotmail.com.
- She received paperwork to complete from the city of Fairborn for our car show.
- Also completed the application for the Americana Fourth of July parade in Centerville OH.
- Voss Cruise-in, Centerville OH is on July 12th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Encouraged members to plan a day trip or any other activity for 2024.

Judy Smith discussed the following:

- Appreciates the donations for door prizes and pick-a-prizes for our car show.
- This year a goody bag with a dash plaque will be given to Club members when they pay their \$20.00 entry fee for the car show.
- A retirement card for Tom Hendricks was circulated. She included a blank paper if there was no room left to sign the card.
- After the 50/50 drawing, two additional drawings will be conducted. Sharon Pennell, former Club member, donated two Corvette books.

George Frymyer conducted the 50/50 raffle which was won by Barbara Souza. Barbara won \$77.00.

Carl Durbin motioned the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Tom Murph. Freddie thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Kopa

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Tom and Star Brooks and Dennis and Marlene DeeHan made it down to the Corvette Museum for the Bash in April and found the new GDCC parking lot banner and it looks great! They also found our club tile as you come in the entry.



Bob and Anita Stevens took delivery of their new Corvette at the Bash! Congratulations, we can't wait to see it!!



15 Cars caravanned to Bud's show on May 11th and at least another 3 cars met us there, what a great turnout to support our club sponsor! It rained on way up but cleared up nice before we got there. Got a chance to say thank you and best wishes for a happy retirement to Tom Hendricks from Buds. I'm sure he will joy himself right after he makes bail.....



The President, VP and the First Gentleman chilling at Buds.

