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## Did you know?

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

**First big-block Corvette:** Chevy also gave us the first big-block Corvette in 1965. The L78 396-cubic-inch V-8 had an iron block and heads, an aluminum intake manifold, solid lifters, and big Holley carburetor. It cost \$292.70 and was installed in 2157 Corvettes. With 425 hp it was the most powerful Corvette up to that time.

**First Corvette with triple carburetion:** The first production Corvette with triple carburetion was the very first Corvette in 1953. The sports car's 150-hp 235-cu-in Blue Flame Six, which remained through 1955 (it made 155 hp its final year), drank through three one-barrel carbs. Triple carbs with three two-barrel units then returned in 1967 with the optional Tripower 427 big-blocks, the L68 rated at 400 hp and the L71 rated at 435 hp.

**First Corvette with dual quads:** By 1956, Belgian-born engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov was putting his fingerprints on the Corvette and increasing its performance. Although the Corvette had used multiple carburetion since 1953, in '56 came its first dual quad V-8 rated at 225 hp. It was a \$172.20 extra over the base engine with a single four-barrel carb, and most Corvettes built that year—3080 of the 3467—were equipped with the option.

**First Corvette with T-tops:** Every Corvette coupe built from 1968–82 had T-tops. The removable panels were fiberglass and body color until 1978, when tinted glass panels were offered as an option.

**First Corvette Stingray:** Sting Ray (two words) was first used on the 1963 Corvette and remained throughout the C2 generation. The C3 debuted in 1968 without the Sting Ray name, but it reappeared on the fenders of the 1969 model as one word, Stingray. It would remain there until 1976.

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## Editors Notes

We continue to have such great support this year for our events, building of course to our annual all-Corvette Car Show on June 23. We hope all our GDCC members you can make this event and engage with all the other Corvette owners who come out to support us. We're fortunate to have a great place to hold the show and a good partner in Giovanni's to help us put it on so let's really show up and make this a spectacular event. I wanted to take a quick moment and thank everyone who has been passing out flyers to the show or promoting it any way. A special shout out to Dennis DeHaan as he has been hitting a lot of shows and passing out tons of flyers, especially south of town near the Cincinnati area. He always sends me an email and a few pics of what's going on at these events. If any of you are going to other shows or cruise in's and you want to email me some pictures please do.





# GDCC CALENDAR

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

3- Capital City Corvette Club Car Show- Ghanna, OH

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 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- Bowling Green KY

## September

2- Holiday at Home Parade- Kettering

8- Ohio Corvette Alliance 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

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## 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

## MAY 2024

### GREATER DAYTON CORVETTE CLUB (GDCC)

Minutes – May 15, 2024

Freddie Haugh called the meeting to order. Forty-five members were in attendance.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Freddie thanked Dan Gorby and Donna Tucker for hosting the dinner out at El Toro in Beavercreek on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### GUESTS:

The Club welcomed Robert and Connie Bair owners of a 2013 yellow convertible. Robert and Connie joined the Club this evening.

#### VICE PRESIDENT:

Pat Mosely called for the following committee reports:

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Larry Kopa motioned dispensing with the reading of the April minutes. Seconded by Pay Frymyer.

#### 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

- 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.

- May 31: Trip to Churchill Downs hosted by Tom and Star Brooks. Plans are to leave at 8:00 a.m. if you would like to caravan, or you can drive on your own. Star has 3 reservations left. Let her know if you would like to attend.
- June 1: Brookville Car Show. If you would like to caravan, meet at McDonald's, 410 W. National Road, Englewood at 2:15 p.m. Herbie and Judy Smith will lead the caravan at 2:30 p.m. Reservations will be made at Rob's Restaurant for 5:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet was passed around for dinner reservations.
- June 8: Middletown War Bird Museum Cruise-In. Parking will be near the hangars.
- 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. E-mail Freddie if interested in attending.
- July 4: Centerville Americana Parade, Centerville OH.
- July 12: Voss Cruise-In, Centerville from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- July 27: GDCC sponsored meet and greet, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., National Museum of the Air Force.
- July 25: Dinner out hosted by Patty Landess at the Dock, Enon. More information to follow.
- July 27: Cars and Coffee, Austin Landing, Centerville OH.
- August 10: Ft. Thomas Car Show, Registration from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Newport KY. Limited to 175 cars.
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Bowling Green KY.
- August TBD: Dinner out hosted by Chris and Janis DeBord. More information to follow.

## MEMBERSHIP:

Carol Tavener:

- Stated that as of tonight we have 156 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 there were 700 interests and 100 attending on our Facebook page for the Corvettes Cars and Coffee on May 18 at the National Museum of the Air Force. Last month there were approximately 162 Corvettes.

## EDITOR/WEBMASTER:

No report.

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM) AMBASSADOR:

Tom Brooks provided the following:

- Greg has put together a video that is showing during the meeting.
- The Bowling Green Assembly plant will have tours in August at the NCM caravan.
- A Grey Hypersonic 2024 Corvette will be raffled on 16 May. There are 600 tickets left to purchase.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Freddie:

- Received name tags for those who ordered and has them at tonight's meeting.
- Has information on the table about the June 6-8, 2024 Wisconsin Dells Adventure, the National Corvette Museum Caravan in August 2024, and East Tennessee Vette Fest, September 27-28, Gatlinburg TN.

## New Business:

Freddie:

- Gave a heads up for members to start thinking about officer nominations for positions being vacated by Freddie Haugh, Herbie Smith, and Terri Kopa for calendar year 2025.
- Thanked everyone who attend the Corvette Car Show at Bud's, St. Mary's OH. There were 21 Vettes from our Club. This was the biggest turn-out in years. A retirement card and gift card were given to Tom Hendrick. He sent the following message: "Thank you all so much for the retirement card you gave me today. It's really hard to retire from a job that really is not work at all. I appreciate all of you and all the friendships we have made over the years. Please tell everyone I said thank you."
- Completed the application for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Americana Parade, Centerville. See her after the meeting if you would like to participate.
- Received approval from the City of Fairborn and police department for our June 23<sup>rd</sup> car show. Freddie is waiting on Giovanni's to complete their paperwork for approval.
- Encouraged members to plan a day trip or any other activity for 2024.
- Acknowledged Kitty Moorhead and her daughter, Terri, at this evening's meeting. Kitty is a former member of GDCC.
- Jerry and Deb McElroy are planning a trip to the Ark Encounter, Williamstown KY and the Creation Museum, Petersburg KY on June 25-26. Plans are to spend the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Ark Encounter and have lunch there. This is an all day event. After that members will drive to the Creation Museum for a visit on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Reservations can be made at the Double Tree Hotel, Lawrenceburg KY. Price of the room is \$180.00 and includes breakfast. The local police will periodically check on the Corvettes. Jerry passed around a sign-up sheet.
- Judy Smith thanked everyone for door prize and pick-a-prize donations.
- George Frymyer conducted the 50/50 raffle which was won by Diane Dawson. Diane won \$68.00.
- Greg Fagan motioned the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Pat Frymyer.
- Freddie thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Kopa

# WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

We are getting into full swing for Corvette season! May was a very busy month and there is still more to come this summer. We had another Corvette's and Coffee at the Air Force Museum with a nice turn out of over 80 cars for the day.



Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a great morning!! We have been such great comments on Facebook about how nice the crowds have been and how welcoming our members are!! GDCC members you rock!!!

We also had a caravan of 20 cars make it down to Churchill Downs for a great afternoon of horse racing! Thank you Star and Tom Brooks for putting this together, even if I didn't win anything!!

