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Everyone is invited to attend

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Finally, it appears that the very hot weather that we've had this summer is subsiding – at least for now. It is so much more comfortable to sit at a car show in mid-70 degree weather than it is to swelter in 90+ degree temperatures.

A group of us headed down to the **Bowling Green Assembly** plant to take part in the public tours. We were some of the first people to tour the line during the first week of the tours. The second week takes place this week during the Museum Anniversary event. The final week of public tours is during the second week of November. I'll be taking another tour that week as part of the annual Ambassador's Academy.

There were several car shows that many members took part in during the month. In most cases, some members brought home the hardware. Congrats.

We had a nice showing of Corvettes at the annual **Brookhaven Car Show**, the care facility that Mike Palumbo currently resides at. The weather was great, and Mike spend the afternoon with the group and did a walk-around looking at all the cars on display – including 13 of our Corvettes.

In this issue, head over to page 9 and look at the new **Sweepstakes** taking place at the National Corvette Museum. You could win a gorgeous 1967 Corvette convertible. You get extra entries just by being a BCC member.

In September, we'll be heading down to Kentucky to do a three-day Bourbon Trail excursion. This will be our third Club visit there. Always fun. Also, the big **Lancaster All Corvette Show** is coming up on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are still a bunch of car show events that you can take part in. Pick a couple and go! Most of all, have fun doing it.

'Till next month.

*Rick*

Hi, all:

Hopefully, you enjoying all of the prime time car shows.

We had a great picnic/car show over at the Eaton Downtown Saturday Night even last weekend. As usual, it was a great party at the Wagners! We had 15 Corvettes from the Club participate, and there were over 230 various vehicles entered in the show.

Time is ticking by. Now is the time to get out and drive your Corvette. We are looking forward to some of the upcoming events taking place in September.

If you are aware of someone in need, please reach out to me or anyone on the Board concerning a donation from the Club. We have a couple annual donations on the books and are always looking to help out people or organizations any way we can.

I know it is early, but we're looking for members that would be interested in one of the positions on the Board. There will be more coming up on elections, but don't be bashful about stepping up and being active.

Don't forget to remember our members that are recovering from surgery or illness. Give them a call. Drop them a line. Let them know that you are thinking of them.

Join us at one of the upcoming car show events and, most of all, **Save the Wave** and we'll see you soon!

*Pres Gary*

## BCC CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup> at Golden Gate Park at 7:00 p.m. It would be great to see more of our membership attend the monthly meeting. You get a first-hand look at what is going on in the Club, and you become a little more involved. Isn't that why you joined? And, hey, we may have a little raffle. So, what's to lose?



## CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE AT CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Concours d' Elegance will take place at the 65 acre Carillon Historical Park. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year for the show. They will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chrysler and also the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ferdinand Porsche's birth. The show will take place from 10:30 until 4:00 p.m.





## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LANCASTER ALL-CORVETTE CAR SHOW

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the All Corvette car show put on by the Ohio Corvette Club Alliance takes place in Lancaster, OH. I highly encourage you to join us on the drive over and see one of the largest Corvette gatherings anywhere.



## BOURBON TRAIL - PART III

It has been a few years, but we are, once again, headed down to Kentucky to drive parts of the **Bourbon Trail**. It promises to be a fun adventure. We'll be leaving on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and returning on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll attempt to take in 6 to 8 different distilleries, take the tours, drink some of their samples and probably haul a bunch of bottles home with us. If it is like last time, there will be lots of stories and some great pictures.





# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

## ***SWEEPSTAKES***



**On December 29, 2025**, someone will win a fully restored 1967 Corvette convertible courtesy of the National Corvette Museum.

To win, all you have to do is go to [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org). Once there, scan right and click on Corvette Sweepstakes. You will be taken directly to the Sweepstakes page. There, you will have eight different ticket quantities that you can click on, from \$25 that gets you 40 entries all the way to \$2,000 that will land you 4,000 entries!

Here's the kicker. As members of the Brookville Corvette Club, you can get 20% more entries (at any ticket level) just by typing in **BROOKVILLE** in the promo code box. That's a great way to increase your chances of winning this beautiful Corvette.

More on the car.

- The VIN is 194677S101653
- It is painted a dark Goodwood Green and has a Saddle vinyl top and interior
- It has a 327 cu.in.V8 pushing an honest 300 HP
- It has an automatic transmission

The winner will be contacted on December 29<sup>th</sup> 2025. They will have two options. They can come down to the Museum and take delivery through the Museum Delivery Experience (just as exciting as the more expensive R8C delivery). If, on the other hand, you don't want to take the car, there is a cash option of \$60k. Frankly, you'd be a fool if you didn't take the car. I mean, really...

So, head on over to the NCM website, log in and purchase some Sweepstakes tickets. You may be the winner of the Corvette, and you will also be supporting the National Corvette Museum.

A win/win situation for sure.

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# CORVETTE CORNER

WITH

*Mike Furman*

National Corvette Specialist

**NOTE:** All photographs and content in **Corvette Corner** is used with permission from Mike Furman

**The following pictures** come from Mike's extensive collection of over 70,000+ photographs that he has collected over the last 47 years. There are photos of famous people connected to Corvette, classic dealer photographs and other stunning Corvette pictures. Enjoy this month's collection!



**The dealer where Mike started his Corvette career: 1978 - 1990**







**Flight 427, now departing through gates 1, 2, 3 and 4.**

Pardon the word play, but Flight 427 is our way of informing you that Corvette can now be ordered with a 427-cubic-inch Turbo-Jet V8. We threw in the bit about the gates just to let you know our fully synchronized 4-speed's a must with this rig.

The regular-version 427 dispenses 390 hp and 460 lbs-ft of torque on hydraulic lifters, while the special-cam edition turns out 425 hp and the same amount of torque on solid lifters. Which one you order depends on whether you spend your time on the observation deck or the flight line.

Otherwise, we recommend our trusty 327 cubic-incher, available at ratings of either 300 or 350 horsepower. More than enough to slip the surly bonds with, eh, Orville?

You'd better believe it.

**Corvette Performance The Chevrolet Way**

'66 Corvette. Fasten your seat belts. They're standard.

APRIL 1966

Sing Ray Convertible. Eight standard safety features include padded instrument panel, sun visors.

**The Chevrolet built for two.**

It started, that morning, with hints. Work-weary, he says. Kid-frazzled, she says. Who gets the Corvette today? You do. No, you do. Ah. We do.

So. Arrangements made. Hamper stocked and stowed in the Corvette. No room for people back there. A pity. But you don't compromise so much as an inch when you build America's only true production sports car. Which is why it comes with four-wheel disc brakes, thread-needle steering and fully independent suspension.

Now. He rouses Corvette's Turbo-Jet V8, the 390-hp version they'd chosen as tractable enough for her and satisfying enough for him.

Then, away. Outside the city unwinds a road as long as the day ahead. A day just for them. In the Chevrolet built just for two.

**'66 CORVETTE BY CHEVROLET**



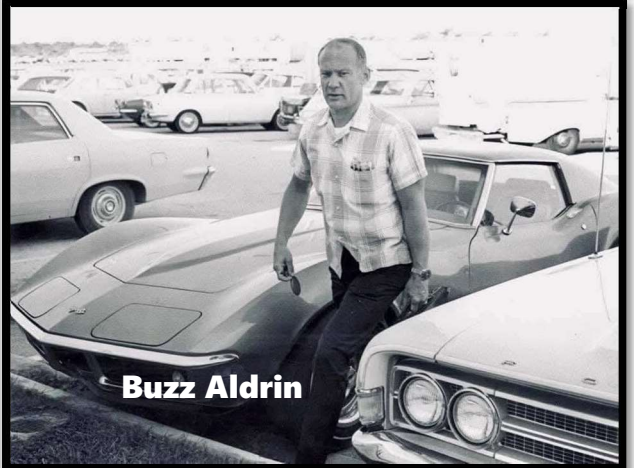




Jay Leno's '63



So, Rachel Welch owned a Corvette? I'm sorry, is there a Corvette in this picture?



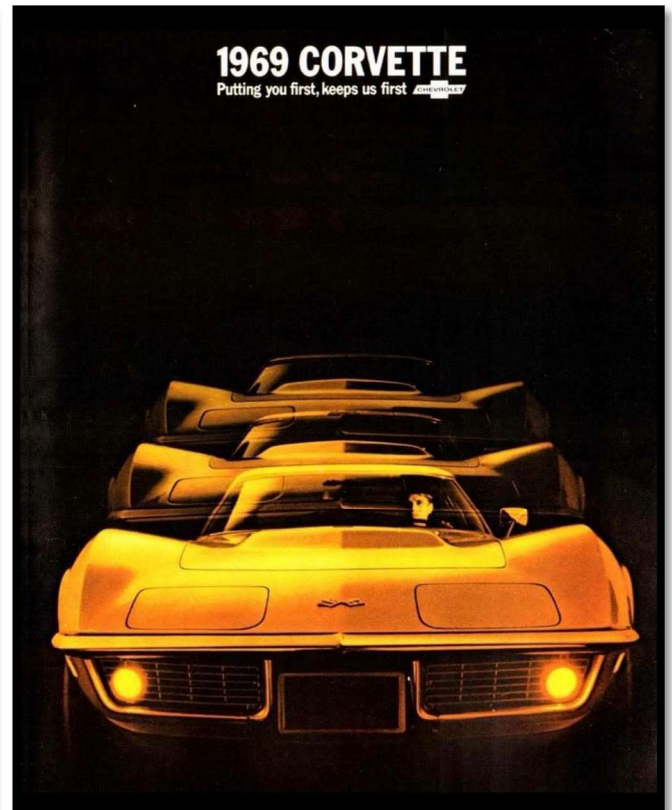
Buzz Aldrin








The problem with run flats - carrying spares.



## 1969 CORVETTE

Putting you first, keeps us first 



In repose before Palm Springs' exclusive Racquet Club, or in action under the California desert sun, Corvette has proved itself the peer of the world's finest production sports cars.



WHEREVER THE WORLD'S BEST SPORTS CARS GATHER

**CORVETTE DOES AMERICA PROUD!**

by Chevrolet

A great sports car is not made overnight. It is developed and refined through years of testing and competition, until its handling becomes silk-smooth, its roadability flawless, its cyclonic power tempered to absolute reliability under the harshest demands.

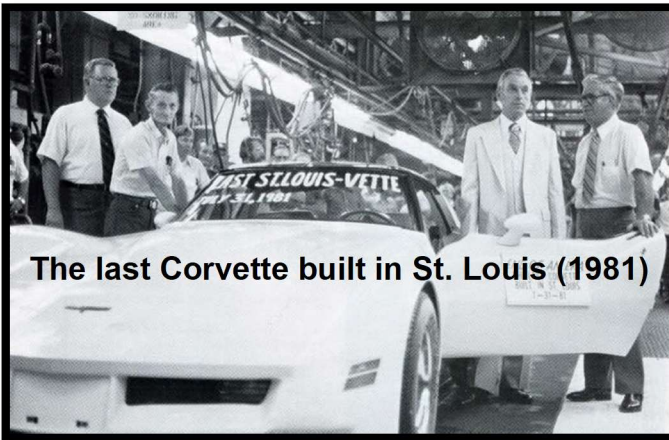
Such a car is today's Corvette—a road machine that has won absolute respect abroad for its unique blend of docility and stunning performance, of elegant luxury and incredible roadholding.

It is our belief that a Corvette can provide you with more pleasure per mile of road than any other sports car in the world today. That is a bold assertion—but the proof is easy. See your Chevrolet dealer in the next day or so and arrange a road trial. Five minutes behind the wheel and you'll know!

... Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.







**The last Corvette built in St. Louis (1981)**



**Get your kicks on Rt. 66**



**Mike, Josh Holder of GM and Zora at Corvettes at Carlisle**



**VIN 001**



**Learning early**



## CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT



# TOUR EVENT

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, a small group of BCC members headed down to Bowling Green, KY to take part in one of the first plant tour groups in at least two years. Three weeks were opened up by Chevrolet to allow a limited number of plant tours to the public. The first week of tours was the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>. The second week was during the Museum's Anniversary Event (August 25<sup>th</sup>). The third and final week will be the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Those in attendance from our Club were Gary Chesnut, Joe Ricketts, Dave Williford, Jody Tiernan, Dave Ransdell and Rick Scoville. It was a two-day trip – down on the 11<sup>th</sup> and home on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Of course, we could not be in that part of Kentucky and not stop at one of the Bourbon Distilleries on the Bourbon Trail. Dave led the group down to Buffalo Trace distillery where we (well, a few of us) toured the facility and ended up purchasing a few bottles of their finest.



**Roughly 400 fresh barrels ready to be filled with liquid gold**



**Do you know  
what this is?**





Sadly, when you tour the assembly plant, you are not allowed to take your camera, cell phone or any recording device into the plant. One of the main reasons for not allowing those is electrical interference. The main reason is the propriety of the assembly process.

The tour was about an hour and a half. Our tour guide was great and had a great sense of humor. Much of it was subtle, so if you weren't listening closely, you missed some great lines.

Towards the end of the tour, we were standing at the point where each Corvette is started for the very first time and driven off the floor. At the beginning of the tour, we were given a number to remember. One of the plant employees was asked to choose a number between 1 and 15. He chose Jodi's number (I think #12). They took Jodi to the next car on the line. He stepped in, pressed the start button and fired it up for the very first time. Pretty cool! He got an official document stating that fact. Neat.

The surprise at the end of the tour was a happenstance visit by the Plant Director – Ray Theriault accompanied by his boss who was in town for meetings. Ray thanked everyone for coming on the tour, introduced his boss to the group and answered a few questions. A pleasant surprise for sure.

In the picture to the right, our cars parked at the Museum with our banner right behind them on the pole.

In the picture below right, that is a photo of the recently restored 1974 Corvette Stingray – the only Corvette ever owned by Zora Arkus-Duntov. It is a two-tone Blue color combo with a big block 454. It has been in the care of the Museum for many years. In preparation of the upcoming Anniversary event, the NCM restoration department did a complete restoration of Zora's Corvette. It will go on display at the Museum during the upcoming Anniversary Event. So, you get a chance to see it before the public does.



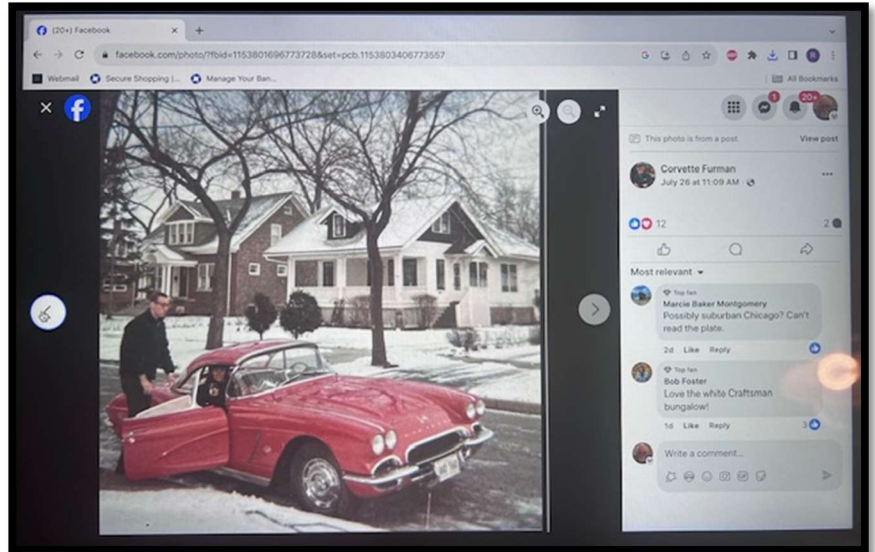
Here 'ya go. The official Plant Tour photograph of our group taken over at the Museum. Joe was absent from the picture unfortunately. However, I was able to Photoshop him into the picture. Can you tell?

It was a quick trip down to Bowling Green, but everyone was please the way it turned out. It's always great to spend some time in Bowling Green, have a great meal at Montana Grill and check out the Museum.



Here are some tidbits from the Club and Corvette nation for September 2025.

- Marty is now famous.** So, if you remember last month, I shared this picture of Marty and Karen hopping in their '62 back in '66. When I sent the Newsletter out, Mike Furman saw the pic. During the last week of July, Mike sent out his usual collection of roughly 100 weekly pics. As I was browsing through them, look what I came across. Marty's picture is now part of Mike's 65,000+ photos of Corvettes and related information. That picture will now be seen by thousands of Corvette fans that tune in to Mike's blog every week. And, for \$20, Marty will be autographing copies for all!



- Here's that '62.....again.** Marty sent in this picture of their daughter sitting in the passenger seat of their Corvette. Notice there is no baby seat (not required). The one thing that does show up in the picture is the big smile on her face. Even at such a young age, she knows what she was in store for.

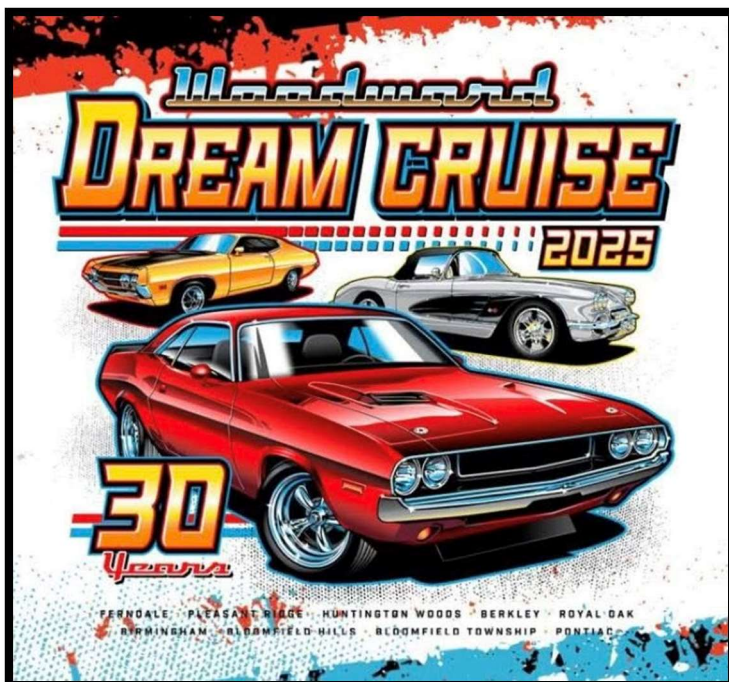




- **Guess who.** Another great photo of one of our members on his High School graduation day sitting in his classic '57. Powered by a 283 V8, dual quads and a 3-speed manual. Any guesses who that might be? Scroll to the following page.



- **We're gonna need a bigger garage.** Those were the exact words from Neil Romer who sent this picture in of one of the original Oscar Mayer Weinermobiles. For a moment, I thought he was serious. Then he admitted that the picture was taken during their recent visit to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Always loved those Weinermobiles. Love the Ford Museum, too.



- **Ah, the famous Woodward Dream Cruise.** This month was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous Cruise. Shawn VanCleve and his wife Juliene attended the event. They uploaded about 72 photographs that were taken during one of the cruises up and down Woodward Avenue. If you are on Facebook, look for Shawn's page and you can click on the pics and catch some great looking vehicles.



- **So, who is that?** It's none other than our very own Alan Donaldson the day that he graduated from Fairview High School in Dayton in 1965. Side note: Alan and one of his High School buddies ended up confirming that the car would go at least 130 mph on I-70. As Alan said, "too much fun". Agreed.



- **More hardware.** Another show, more hardware to bring home. This was at the Purple Door Lutheran Church up in Celina on July 13<sup>th</sup>. It was their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Purple Door Car Show and Ice Cream Social. Gary, Joe, Dave and Neil drove up to attend the show and all 4 of them came back with hardware. A typical day on the job!



- **Yet, more hardware.** On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Gary, Joe and Dave J. headed over to Richmond, IN to participate in the Veterans Memorial Park car show. When the smoke cleared, Joe took home this neat plaque named the Huey Choice award. Very cool.





- **161 years of marriage!** This was pretty cool. Ransdells, Skirhas and Scovilles went up to the **Boathouse** in Troy, OH to celebrate our anniversaries. Skirhas at 60 years, Ransdells at 51 years and Scovilles at 50 years. All of our anniversaries are in the month of August.

At the end of dinner, our waitress came out with the three plates (to the right). The staff had each plate made up for each couple. They included a dish of tiramisu to enjoy. It was a thoughtful touch by the staff (and the tiramisu was pretty good, too).



- **Staging.** We headed over to the Downtown Saturday Night in Eaton Car Show. We had 12 cars staged at Tractor Supply and then drove over to Wagner's house for lunch and the show.





- **Lunch with the Palumbos.** A few of us got together at Mulberry & Main in Brookville to have lunch with Mike and Sheryl. It was a nice day. Blue skies and temperatures in the mid-70's. None of us had ever been to this lunch venue before – which sits in the old converted fire station downtown. A perfect place for an easy lunch and conversation.

It was a great place to meet up. Mike isn't able to get out a lot, so we took advantage of the location's ease of access.



- **Should have won.** Roaming around the Eaton Car Show, I came across this custom C1 Corvette kiddie car that was custom-built by the owner. The little car was entered into the Car Show but did not win/place or show.

Honestly, I thought it should have taken Best of Show but, you know, no one asked me.





## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS FROM



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### Here are this month's highlights from Corvetteblogger.

#### • **C10 California Corvette Concept revealed by GM's Advanced Design Studio**

Nearly 4 months after GM's Advanced Design Center in the UK released the first of 3 Corvette concepts, the second entry in this global design project has dropped. The California Corvette Concept was developed in Southern California at GM's new Advanced Design studio in Pasadena.

In the official release, Chevrolet says there is no production intent behind this design project, and it's simply an idea to see how Corvette is reimagined from three different design studios on three separate continents. Perhaps to illustrate how far into the future these concepts may be looking, this SoCal design version wears a C10 emblem on the floor mats while it is also prominent on the sides of the car. Referencing the 10<sup>th</sup> generation while still in the C8 era is definitely some forward thinking.



The release describes this concept as a hyper car, and yes it appears to be an EV based on it having an "assumed t-shaped prismatic battery pack". We can see visible carbon fiber all around the car, especially with the front and sides which acts as a tunnel for the air to flow through. The body itself consists of a lightweight carbon tub. It carries on with the ZR1-style waterfall front hood and it has active aero on both the front splitter and rear spoiler.

### California Corvette Concept Specs

#### **Body Structure:**

- Tunneled underbody with lightweight carbon tub
- Active aero spoiler and air brake
- Large, staggered wheels: 21" fronts and 22" rears
- Assumed t-shape prismatic battery pack enabling low seating and better airflow around and through the chassis

#### **Dimensions**

Height – 41.4". Width – 86". Length – 182.5". Wheelbase – 109".



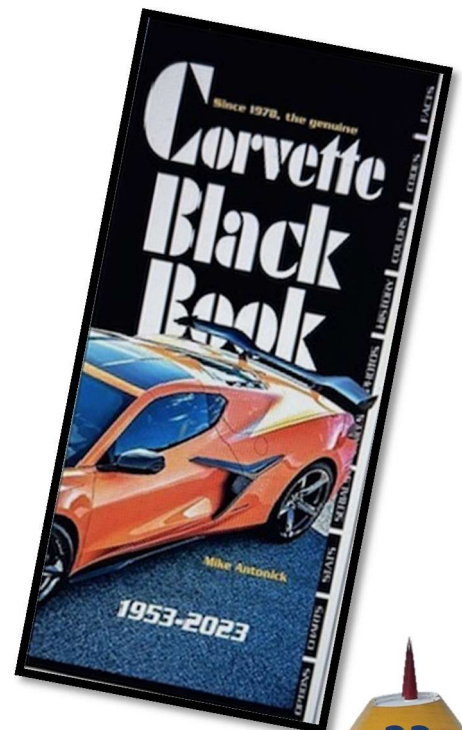


- **The Vette Pocket Guide brings data from the Corvette Black Book to your Phone**

Since 1978, Corvette enthusiasts have relied on Mike Antonick's **Corvette Black Book** for official data on all Corvette models including engine info, RPO take rates, colors and production numbers. Unfortunately, the Corvette Black Book hasn't been updated since the 2023 model year, and we recently heard the bad news that Mike was ending production of the book due to the rising costs of the special sized paper and higher printing costs.

Thankfully, there is now a new option that not only continues the tradition of the Corvette Black Book but extends it into modern times by offering all of that important data in an [app for your mobile phone](#).

This new app is called the **Vette Pocket Guide** and it packages all the data from the Corvette Black Book that you've come to rely on like production numbers and options, but there is also a bunch of improvements for presenting the data.





For example, each of the model year color charts are now in full color pie charts which offers a visual representation of both the colors offered and how many in each color were produced.

A really cool feature on the Vette Pocket Guide is the VIN decoder. Just add any Corvette VIN to the decoder and it will pull up all relevant info about it. If you put in your VIN for your Corvette, it provides a summary of the car, or you can select the tab to see the decoder which breaks out the individual VIN digits/characters in each position.

The Vette Pocket Guide is currently available for iPhone and iPad, and a version for the Android phone are expected soon. The price of the Vette Pocket Guide is just \$25 to download, and then yearly updates are provided for just \$5.00. When's the last time you've seen a subscription to anything Corvette related that costs just \$5.00 per year? That's unheard of.

If you have an iPhone, to get your Vette Pocket Guide go to the App Store, type in Vette Pocket Guide and click GET. There you go.

- **Pricing for the 2026 Corvette ZR1X is out and Chevy reveals the ZR1X Quail Silver Limited Edition**

The prices that Chevrolet has provided for the 2026 ZR1X includes the mandatory \$1,995 delivery charge. The 1LZ Coupe will start at \$207,395 while the 3LZ Coupe starts at \$218,395. The 1LZ HTC will start at \$217,395 while the 3LZ HTC will have a starting price of \$228,395. GM says that the ZR1X will be available by the end of 2025.

The 2026 ZR1X will also be available in a special Quail Silver Limited Edition model. It will be offered in Corvette's first matte production exterior paint called Blade Silver Matte. The color was inspired by the Inca Silver exterior color that was featured on the '57 – '59 Corvettes. The limited edition ZR1X will be introduced on August 15 at "The Quail – A Motorsports Gathering" in Carmel, CA as part of Monterey Car Week.

The ZR1X Quail Silver Limited Edition will also include a Sky Cool & Medium Ash Gray interior with Habanero accents. This is one of the new interior color schemes available on all 2026 Corvette models.

They will also feature orange-painted calipers, black exhaust tips and carbon flash painted mirrors. Each vehicle will display a Limited Edition plaque on the interior waterfall speaker and each build is identified with its build number. The Quail Silver ZR1X will only be offered as a 3LZ HTC. Pricing will start at \$241,395. Production will start in 2026.





- **Keith Cornett just celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> year of Corvetteblogger.com**

**Keith Cornett**, founder of the great Corvette website Corvetteblogger, just celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his daily blog.

Keith has done a great job of working with other sites and people to bring us daily updates of what's going on in the world of Corvette.

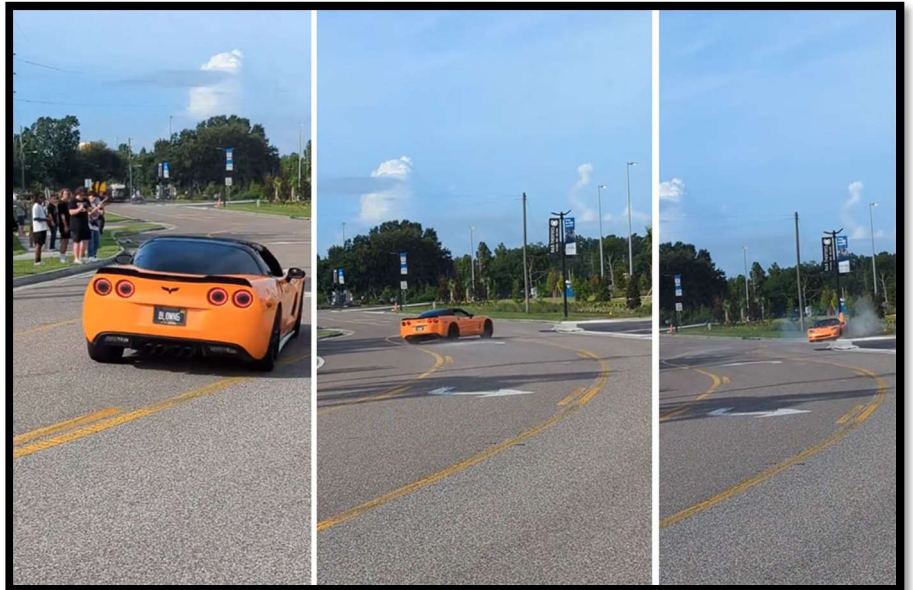
We have been fortunate enough to be able to bring you highlights from his daily blogs with his permission. If you want to see each of his daily blogs, just go to [www.corvetteblogger.com](http://www.corvetteblogger.com).



- **A C6 Corvette goes Full Mustang while leaving a Florida Cars & Coffee meet**

Is there anything more embarrassing than wrapping your Corvette around a pole while leaving a car meet? We call this going “Full Mustang” after the pony car’s reputation for their owners crashing their rides on the drive out. Unfortunately, too many Corvette owners seem to want to get in on the game.

Case in point? We take you to the Free State of Florida and a recent Cars & Coffee event in Wesley Chapel which is located just north of Tampa. Regardless of where it happened, the details are always the same.



You have a group of spectators with their phones out recording each of the cars leaving, and some of those cars offer more of a spirited exit than others. There is a video of a Mustang that is able to navigate his exit from the show as his wheels break loose. The driver is able to drive through it, successfully navigating the slow left turn and simply goes on his way.

Unfortunately, the Florida woman driving the orange C6 (above) wasn't as lucky. With the accelerator mashed to the floor, the car roars away and the driver tries to navigate that same easy left turn. Just like the Mustang, the rear end goes squirrely but the driver over-corrects which puts the car into a slow spin in the opposite direction with the driver's side door taking the brunt of the impact from the light pole on the side of the road. Never go “Full Mustang” at a car meet.

Remember, those spectators that are recording and not your friend.



On Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup>, a group of us headed over to Lewisburg to attend their annual Car Show. In addition of our Corvettes, Denny Cassel also brought his Shelby GT and his 1 of 30 Shelby Code Red.

When they announced the Top 20 awards, most of the awards – the vast majority – did go to older model cars and trucks truly deserving of winning. But, when they announced the #1 award, it went to Denny for his Code Red. I mean, c'mon, when will most people have a chance to even see one of these at a car show?



## CAR SHOWS

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, another group from the BCC attended the Dayton Dragon's game. Our cars sat out in front of the stadium on display. It's the second year in a row that we have done this.



Apparently, the Dragon's mascot Heater took a liking to Joe's Corvette.



Also on August 10<sup>th</sup>, a small group of BCC members made their way over to Englewood to attend the annual Englewood Festival Car Show. Plenty of car candy to see and a pretty good crowd to see them.



To entice attendance, there was some bribery going on in the form of home-baked cookies and Hostess Cup Cakes. Thanks to Marty and Karen.

There were plenty of beautiful vehicles at the show, but this custom '32 Ford Coupe was my favorite (especially with those one-off custom wheels). It was one of the top show winners, too.



We had to laugh. The very first award that was announced was the **Kid's Choice Award** and we won it. I guess there was a group of kids going around the show voting and they spent a lot of time around our car. That was pretty cool. I went on record stating that *"we just wanted to thank all the "small" people for making this possible"*. Pun intended.



# FOR THE LOVE OF THE KIDS



**Many of our members** are aware of the program that Sue & Jeff Hey are involved in with the Brookville school system. For the last couple of years, we have gathered at Leiber Park and given rides in our Corvettes to children participating in **Independence Camp**, a four-day event of planned outings for a dozen or so kids from the school. These kids have some developmental challenges, and the Camp gives them the opportunity to have fun – whether it is a day of bowling or a day at the pool or their favorite day – buzzing around town in the Vettes.

But the story of the Camp is just a little background. The real story here is Jeff & Sue and what they recently accomplished that should really impress you and reinforce the belief that there are great people out there that do great things for others and ask for nothing in return.

## **SOME BACKGROUND**

Sue worked 30 years in the Brookville School System as an Occupational Therapist. Much of that time was spent with children that had various degrees of developmental challenges. When she retired from the school system in 2023, she wanted to stay involved with the kids as much as possible. That is pretty much how Independence Camp came about. Sue, along with other educators and volunteers, started Independence Camp to provide an outlet for these kids to just have fun. It has evolved into a 3-day event that takes the kids to various area locations. They'll spend an afternoon at **Thunderbowl** in Englewood doing that bowling thing. The next day they'll head over to the **Vandalia Rec Center** and spend time playing in the pools. To top off the week, they'll come back over to **Golden Gate Park** and take turns riding in our Corvettes. After that, there is a family picnic at Golden Gate Park.

## **PLAYGROUND DEDICATION**

Unbeknownst to me and probably most if not all of the Brookville Corvette Club was the recent dedication of a new playground at the elementary school in Brookville. This dedication and the existence of this playground would never have happened if not for Sue Hey.

Back in early July, Sue Alexander and then Joe Ricketts sent me a video. In that video, Sue dedicated the playground in memory of her parents - Jack and Edie Wright.



## **THE STORY**

Starting back in October of 2024, Sue wanted to pay tribute to her parents (both have passed). She announced that she would fund the Playground project with **\$100,000** she received as an inheritance from her parents. That's certainly big money, and the thought at the time was that the seed money would fund the project.

Then reality hit.

When they presented the idea and plans to the team and a contractor, they discovered that the cost of the project would be closer to \$185,000. Sue had never tackled a project of this scope, and had to gather her thoughts on how she could possibly come up with the additional funds. It was simple. She decided to contact about 50 Brookville businesses, explain what she was looking to accomplish and solicit those businesses for funds.

Through her steadfast tenacity, she was successful in raising the additional funding to make the playground come to life. The following businesses and individuals donated their time and funds to bring this project to fruition:

- Jeff & Sue Hey
- Strausburg Foundation (donated \$20,000)
  - Tom & Shelli Wright
- Barton Malow (donated concrete and labor)
- Jamie McGinnis (donated concrete and labor)
- Playcare (Weston Sale – playground equipment & turf @ reduced cost)
- City of Brookville Government Office (Jack Kuntz – City Manager)
  - AVCO Enterprises, LLC
    - HR Holp & Sons
  - Brookville Optimist Club
    - Korrekt Plumbing
  - Brookville Stor-N-Lock
    - Bruce Baker
  - McGregor & Associates
  - Monice & Jay Kinsey

The playground was officially dedicated on July 11, 2025. Sue wanted to make sure that all of the key individuals that carried the heaviest load of the project had a chance to stand up and speak. To the person, they all gave credit to the project's leader and visionary – Sue.

If you would like to see the 15 minute video dedication, I pulled it up using two methods. You can **Google** Brookville Playground Dedication and it's the first video to pop up. You can also go to **Facebook**, type in Brookville Playground Dedication and it also pops up. Or, if you can't do either, let me know and I can forward Sue Alexander's text to me that has the link. I would highly recommend that you watch the video.

So, back to Sue Hey. I sat down with Sue and Jeff in mid-July to talk about the video, how the project got started and the timeline. It was just very interesting to hear Sue recall the story, the intimidation of how to handle such a project and how the community came together to support it.

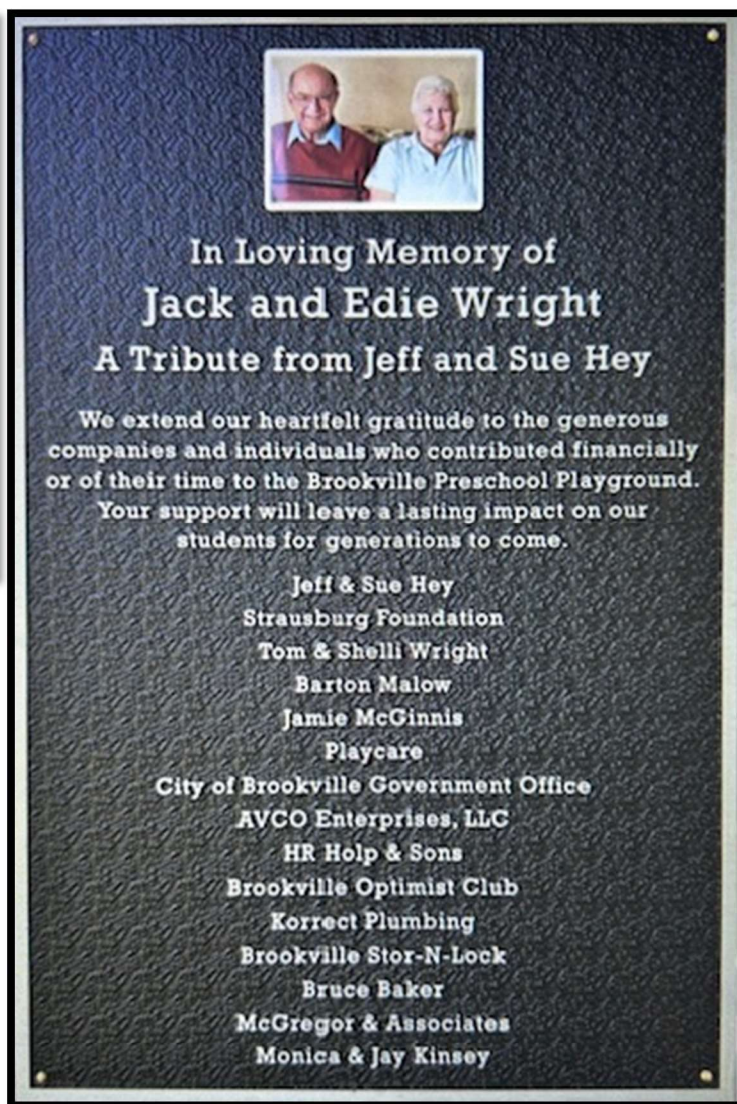


When I told Sue that I wanted to do an article in Flags on the project so our entire membership knew all about it, she was all in. Many of our members (including Cindy and me) do not live in Brookville, so we don't always know what's going on and who's making things happen. After all, we are the **Brookville** Corvette Club, and it is this community that we should be supporting the most.

While Sue was all on board, she did make it clear to me that there were/are **4 Pillars** that grounded this project. They are:

1. **God**. Give Glory to God in the way He made this all come together
2. **Community**. Blessed to see how the community came together to make this project happen
3. **Heart**. My heart has always been for people with disabilities and to help provide an accessible playground for all children gives me such joy
4. **Honor**. This was just a beautiful way to honor my Mom and Dad

So, the next time you see Sue & Jeff, pull them aside and thank them for what they did for the Brookville community and the kids. Their legacy and the legacy of Sue's parents will last for generations.







# CORVETTE CONQUERS NÜRBURGRING

**The numbers are in!!** In July, Chevrolet sent their Engineering team to Germany to do just one thing: to attempt to set the lap record for the fastest time by any American car at The Nürburgring.

A lofty goal for sure.

## HOMEGROWN SPEED

On Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Chevrolet introduced the video “**Homegrown Speed**”, revealing what was internally known as **Project 7**. That was the code name given to the project to have Corvette do the lap at the Nürburgring in under seven seconds. The seven second lap has been accomplished seven times by three different car companies: Mercedes, Porsche and Ford. The fastest time was recorded by the Mercedes AMG One – more of a non-commercial race car. Ford recently ran a lap at 6:52 in the new Mustang GTD.

Chevrolet had three Corvettes at the “Ring” – the Z06, the ZR1 and the ZR1X. Instead of using a professional race car driver, Chevrolet opted to use three of their best test engineers that have driven the Nürburgring many times.

The purpose of this article is not to present a treatise of the video. What I would highly recommend is that you head over to YouTube, type in **Homegrown Speed** and watch the video that is 17:28 long. It goes into great detail about Project 7, the work behind the scenes, the team of engineers that were involved and the results they achieved. We’ll just look at the results here.

FASTEST PRODUCTION CARS AT THE NÜRBURGRING			
1	MERCEDES AMG ONE	SUPER SPORTS CAR	06:29.090
2	PORSCHE 911 GT2 RS MANTHEY KIT	SPORTS CAR	06:43.300
3	PORSCHE 911 GT2 RS MR	MODIFIED VEHICLES	06:44.749
4	MERCEDES AMG BLACK SERIES	SPORTS CAR	06:48.047
6	PORSCHE 911 GT3 RS	SPORTS CAR	06:49.328
7	FORD MUSTANG GTD	SPORTS CAR	06:52.072

The team was able to place two of the three Corvettes in the record book for laps under seven seconds. The slowest Corvette was the Z06, which ran the lap with a time of **7:11.826** (not too shabby). But, the ZR1 is now officially the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest car on the list with a time of **6:50.763** – just ahead of the Ford Mustang’s **6:52.072**. However, the ZR1X is now the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest car, clocking a lap time of **6:49.275**, just squeaking by the Porsche 911GT3RS at **6:49.328** and the ZR1.

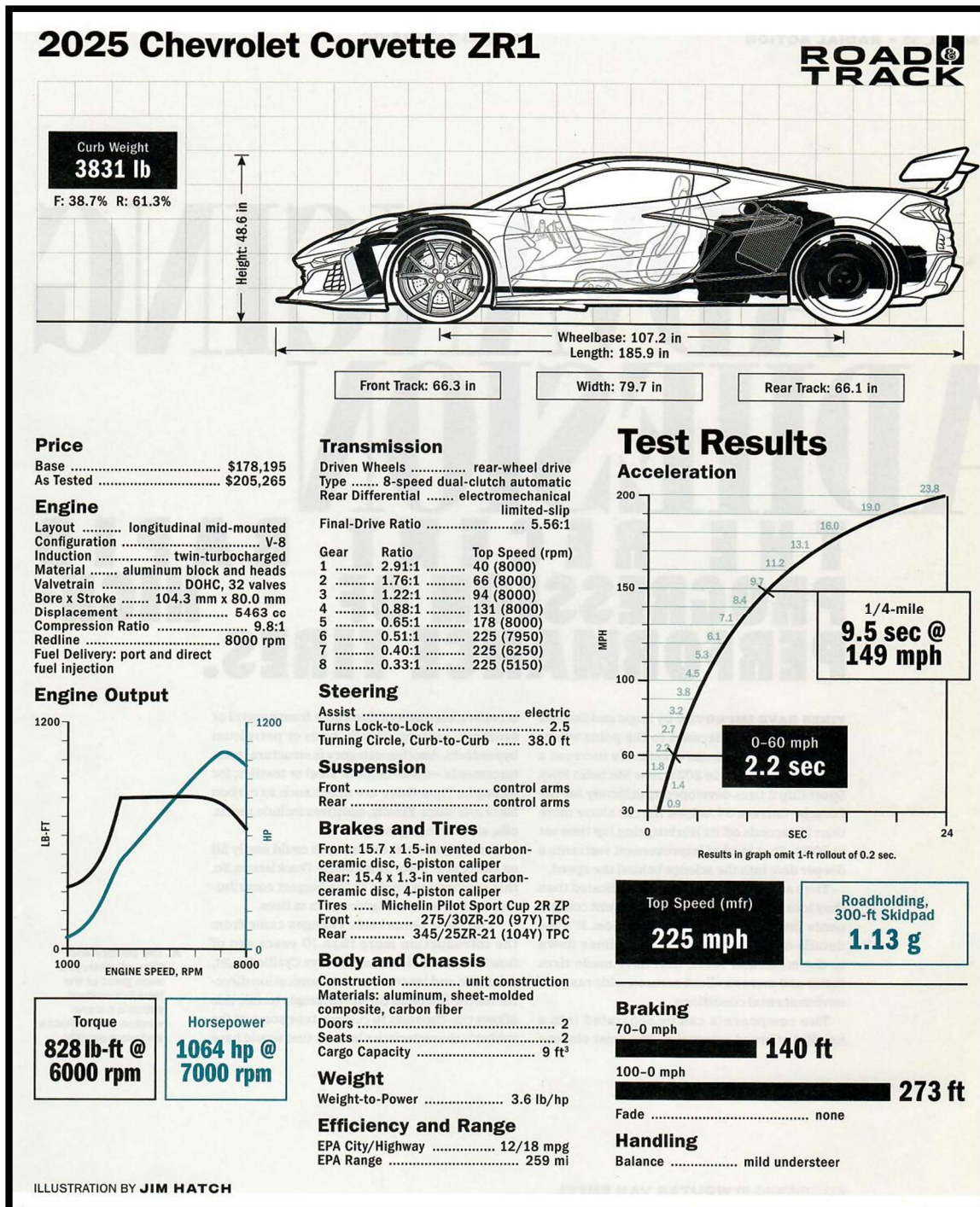
Bottom line, the ZR1 and the ZR1X are now the two fastest American sports cars that have ever been on the famed Nürburgring. That’s pretty heady stuff for sure. Congratulations to Chevrolet.



# ZR1



In the Aug/Sep issue of Road & Track, the following ZR1 Spec Sheet<sup>1</sup> was at the end of the article on the ZR1. It contains most of the pertinent technical information about the car. I thought that there may be some interest from the BCC membership to see just what kind of beast the ZR1 really is.





# CALENDAR OF **EVENTS** FOR 2025

<b>January</b> 09	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	
13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
10	Sweetheart Dance at Romer's Catering – St. Henry. 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
<b>March</b>	
7	BCC Member drive to Crafted & Cured. Troy. 6:30
13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting –Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
<b>April</b>	
10	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
19	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9 – 12.
24 - 26	Michelin NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY (Museum). All day.
<b>May</b>	
08	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
10	Bud's All Corvette Cruise-In, St. Marys, OH. From 9:00 to 1:00. Details to follow
17	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9-12
10	Spring Fling All Corvette Show – Chosen Few. Quaker Steak - Columbus. 8 – 4.
<b>June</b>	
07	BCC Cruise Into Summer Car Show – Reichard Chevrolet. 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
12	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
14	Pool Party at Rick Snider's house. Details to follow
15	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Truck Show, Fairview Church – Englewood. From noon to 3:00
22	Greater Dayton All Corvette Show. Fairborn. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
28	Downtown Saturday Night – Arcanum. 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$10 entry fee
<b>July</b>	
6	St. Henry's annual Firecracker Cruise-In Car Show – St. Henry. 1 – 4. Dinner @ Romer's.
10	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Location to be announced. 7:00 p.m.
18	Voss Hoss Cruise-In. Voss Chevrolet in Centerville. From 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
19	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9 – 12.
20	Brookhaven Retirement Community Car Show. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Registration is a donation.
TBD	BCC/NASCAR Brickyard party at Ransdells. Arrive by 1:30. Bring a covered dish.
26	National Trails Car Show. Details to follow
29, 30, 31	Gilmore Car Museum/Henry Ford Museum. 3 days. Details to follow



<b>August</b>	
14	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
10	Englewood Art Festival & Car Show, Centennial Park. 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. \$10 per car
10	Dayton Dragons ballgame. Corvettes on display at the Park. Meet at Culvers @ 10:30
21, 22, 23	Corvettes at Carlisle (PA). Details to follow
23	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9 – 12
23	27th Annual Old Fashion Downtown Saturday Night – Eaton. 2:00 – 7:00 PM
24	Antioch Shrine Custom Car, Bike & Truck Show. Dayton. From 1:00 – 4:00
28 - 30	31st Anniversary Event @ the National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY
<b>September</b>	
7	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Car Show – Lancaster.
11	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
14	Dayton Concours d'Elegance @ Carillon Park. 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
17, 18, 19	The Bourbon Trail drive. Details to follow
27	Crestview Church Memorial Car Show. Englewood. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<b>October</b>	
4	Heritage of Flight Festival & Car Show. From 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. .
09	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
12	National Road & Greater Dayton Halloween Car Show. Free. 10 a.m to 2:p.m. Springfield
?	Progressive Dinner. Details to follow
18	Camden's Black Walnut Festival. Registration: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophies @ 3:00
<b>November</b>	
13	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
15	BCC Pizza Party @ Marion's in Englewood. Watch for details in an e-mail
<b>December</b>	
11	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
13	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Christmas Party. Party Barn at Tiernans</b>

(Note: Events/dates that have been grayed out means that the date for the event has not yet been announced. All events in black/red are confirmed as of this writing.)

- Trips under consideration for 2025:
  - NE Ohio Wine Tour
  - Ohio Triple Nickel
- Trips under consideration for 2026
  - Route 66

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*"The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette - America's Sports Car – through collection, preservation and celebration of its legacy"*

## CORVETTE RAFFLES

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, you could win a **2026 Competition Yellow Coupe**. Tickets are \$100/each with 2,000 available. Drawing will be at 2:00 P.M. CST.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, win a 2026 Riptide Blue HTC. Tickets are \$200/each with 1,500 available. Drawing will be at 2:00 P.M. CST.

To purchase tickets, just go to the National Corvette Museum's website link right here: ([www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)), click on *Win a Corvette*, and then click on *Enter to Win*. It's as easy as that!

Good luck!



## ZORA'S FULLY RESTORED 1974 CORVETTE NOW ON DISPLAY

Just in time for the Museum's 31<sup>st</sup> annual Anniversary Event, Zora's completely restored 1974 Corvette is now on display out in the Skydome. The big block 454 cu.in. Corvette underwent an exhaustive restoration at the Museum. And now, you can visit and see what Zora's Vette looked like when he owned it.

You can check out the pictures on-line or, better yet, head down to the Museum and see it in person. It is truly a piece of Corvette history.





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