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# GET CONNECTED



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### March 2025

### GREETINGS

Welcome to the Second Edition of Get Connected with Corvette Connected! I'm so thrilled that you all enjoyed the first copy! I am looking forward to keeping everyone abreast of what's going on in the club. We had some exciting things happen last month. I am happy to share it all in this edition so make them seat belts click, and let's go for a ride!

### EAT MY DUST

We all will be eating dust this month in the "Eat My Dust" section.

Carl Foreman has officially made sure that we will be catching smoke from his exhaust off his brand new 2025 Corvette Z06! I guess he's going to be like Tracy Chapman, with her lyric "He was in a fast car" (LOL). The Z06 is DEFINTECLY is a fast car with a 5.5L V8 engine with 670 horsepower! At a top speed of 233 mph and going from 0 to 60 in 2.6, seconds I think it's safe to say...Carl is the winner! Congratulations to you Carl, enjoy your new toy to the fullest!



**CALVIN BROWN**  
**EST. FEB 2025**

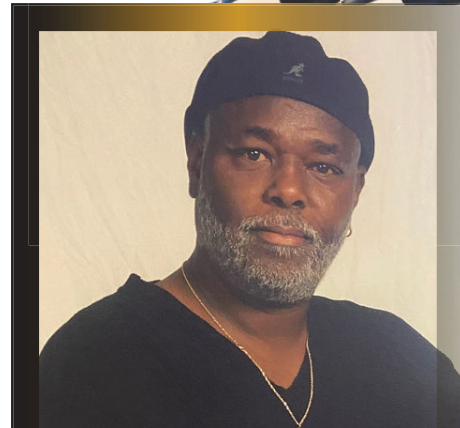


Other exciting news: We have a new member. Let's officially welcome Calvin Brown to Corvette Connected who was brought in by his good friend (our fellow member), Marcus Reese. Carl is the owner of 2023 C8 and also participated in the World of Wheels with us receiving a Class Place Award. Calvin, we are happy to have you as a member!



# FULL SPEED AHEAD

Save the dates as it almost time to snatch them car covers off and pull those Vettes out the garage! Pencil in First Fridays on your schedule with April 4th being the kickoff for First Fridays. While we're getting ready for our car show, we need to create the buzz about First Fridays with Corvette Connected on The Vine too! Speaking of our car show, Please note that the date is fast approaching, and we are hosting a party that Friday as well. The cost for tickets is \$25 which includes fun, food, drinks, and most importantly... CORVETTES! Lets get it: PROMOTE and get ready for good time!



## In the Drivers Seat

### Michael "BIG D" Adams

In the Driver's Seat, we have Michael "Big D" Adams behind the steering wheel! I had a very nice conversation with Big D doing his interview and I learned a lot about him.

So... here we go...once upon a time not long ago, LOL... just kidding! 😂

Big D was born and raised right here in Kansas City. He actually comes from a very big family with 7 brothers, 3 sisters, 2 stepbrothers, and 1 stepsister. Big D attended Westport High School and after graduating, he immediately got to work in the workforce. He has held many different job positions and the one he finally settled into was a 33-year career working for Sealy Mattress company making furniture. I didn't know they made furniture at Sealy! I thought they only made mattresses, but Big D confirmed that in fact they did make furniture, and he was a furniture maker and made sofa sleeper beds at the company.

Over the course of his life span, Big D has developed a strong love for cars. He was able to purchase his first car ( a 1957 Ford) when he was 14 years old! I know what you're thinking because I said the same thing, from what I'm understanding no one really cared about the legal driving age back then-LOL. How he came about getting his first car is pretty funny. He said the car had been sitting at the owner's house for quite some time. One day he asked to buy it, but the guy selling it told him that the car didn't run, and he didn't believe that Big D at his (young age) could get it started. However, this didn't deter Big D from still wanting to buy it so he tells the guy that he still interested. The owner said the price was \$15.00, but he got it cheaper than that! Big D's mom His mom told the owner she only had \$12.00, and the guy said "SOLD"! After buying the car, Big D took it back to his garage where he started working on it. Did I mention that at an early age he taught himself how to fix cars.

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## **In the Drivers Seat continued**

After tinkering for a while, he discovered that the car just had a simple wiring issue. Being thrilled at the bargain he got for the car, he put on his petty boots and went back over to the seller's house to taunt him. He was saying "Ah ha😂😂😂 in yo face" because the man was very doubtful that Big D could get that car running. The rest is history: Let the car collecting begin! Big D has collected countless cars over the years. Some of the cars in his car collection have included his all time favorite car, a 1978 Chevy Malibu, that was sadly stolen and never recovered. He has also collected a 1955 Chevy, and a 1962 Impala SS. Now a car collection wouldn't be a car collection without some Corvettes in there somewhere! Big D has owned several Corvettes over the years starting with his first Vette a 1976 Corvette, then a 1978 Corvette that he kept for 30 years, a 2001 Corvette, a 2005 Corvette, and finally his current Corvette: a 2011 Corvette Grand Sport!

Big D told me that he always had a love for Corvettes and it started at a young age when his sister's boyfriend came over with a C1. He shared that he was fascinated with the car and told himself that he was going to get him one. Boy, did he ever! The funniest reason the he was in awe of that C1 was because it had those pop-up lights. Big D said he thought that was the coolest thing and so he would have the boyfriend make those lights go up and down for him. Eventually, he got his own Corvette with the pop up lights and it was all fun in games until he discovered that it wasn't so much fun when the popup light didn't pop up (LOL)! He actually had to take one of his cars to Charlie to get the pop up light fixed, but none the less... he still loves the pop up lights and the aesthetics of it.



### **Big D'S 2011 Grand Sport**

Outside of collecting cars Big D has also been a member many car clubs. Back the 60's he was a founding member of the Hot Rod Club called The Royal Mandingos. The Royal Mandingos had a clubhouse located at 39th and Wabash, but unfortunately the club dismantled around 1970. Most of the guys decided they wanted to ride motorcycles instead and they then went on to start the one of the oldest motorcycle club in Kansas City "The Zodiacs". I asked Big D why he didn't go with them or why he never wanted to ride motorcycles. He gave me a stern NO (LOL) and said that he never was an interest in motorcycles. After the Mandingo Club, Big D was a member of the Classic Old School Car Club. He said he had a great time in that club, said they had a lot of parties, and it sounds like they they were off the chain! While in the Classic Car Club, Big D decided he wanted to officially join Corvette Connected and in 2007 he became a member.



## In the Drivers Seat continued

Big D has been busy! From car collecting to car clubs, racing cars (and yes, he was the winner), winning car shows with a ton of awards and trophies! He is man who values family and friends. He has been married to his lovely wife "Tricia" for 22 years and they have 4 daughters between the two of them. Big D was unfortunately hurt on his job and had to have back surgery. After that, he fell and broke his femur which a resulted in him temporarily being in a wheelchair. Big D is working every day to make a full recovery, but he has told me he plans to get back to business once he's up walking again. He would like to get back to the good old days by hosting Christmas parties at his house and encouraging the club to do more activities together. He wants us to get out and do more riding with club. He said he has a corvette, and he wants to drive it and I concur! Well, there you have it folks. The driver of the month is Michael "Big D" Adams. Now you're Connected.



### Some of Big D's classic Cars



### More of Big D's classic Cars



### Big D's Corvette's







# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Rodney Jones 3/2**  
**Stewart Johnson 3/24**



Sorry Rodney I couldn't find a picture of you



## This is Women's History Month

Women's History Month is an annual observation to highlight the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.

Celebrated during March in the United States. Here's 4 facts you probably didn't know:

1. International Women's Day was first recognized in Europe
2. International Women's Day date was chosen because of the Russian revolution.
3. Women's History Month started as a local week
4. It took years for women's History Month to be federally recognized.

## Zodiac Corner



The year 2025 presents a dynamic blend of opportunities and challenge. With significant planetary influences the first part of the year favors educational growth, property investments, and health improvements. The second half of the year will require diligence in managing relationships, finances, and career challenges' maintaining focus and discipline you can make meaningful progress throughout the year.



# **Its Actual and Factual Corvette fun facts!**

Did you know that the Corvette debuted at the General Motor's 1953 Motorama Show in New York, NY? The first Corvette was a convertible with a six-cylinder engine. Another interesting fact is that the original Corvette logo featured an American flag, which was illegal to use for advertising. It was replaced with the Fleur-De-Lis logo that you see today.

Now you know.



**Next exit  
smiles and laughs**



It was a nice sunny Sunday, and this couple was out for afternoon cruise. As they're cruising long taking the back roads the guy secretly reaches down and turns off the engine and lets the car coast off to the side of the road. The girl say's "you're not going to tell me you've ran out of gas are you? Thats the oldest trick in the book and I'm not falling for it!" The guy say's "why would you say that baby? I would never think about doing that you! Besides I'm into the here after. She said "I don't get it" to which he answered "It's like this baby, if you ain't here after what I'm here after, well I'm afraid you're going to be here after I leave!!