

# Vette Ventures

The Newsletter of the Corvettes of the Bay Car Club

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### Stay Calm Groundhog - The Corvettes are coming

Last month was fun, with good discussion at the meeting and runs in the works. Of course, the capstone was a thoughtfully planned Christmas party at the Riverside Ballroom. We were able to reveal our members of the year, Tony and Sally Steffen. I also had the honor of announcing that our displaced member of the year plaque has a new permanent home at what is arguably the most beautiful gallery in Wisconsin, The Automobile Gallery. During the February meeting, additional plans and opportunities to partner with the Automobile Gallery will be discussed.

February will also see the re-birth of the COTB Planning Committee. More runs mean something for everyone. Now is the time to plan. How would you like a couple dozen Corvettes to follow you into your church's cruise-in? Are you looking for a spirited ride in the countryside? How about a run to a winery you've never visited? Do you know of some good music being played or a tour being offered? Maybe your ideas are a bit more elaborate. Do you want to visit the National Corvette Museum, the Woodward Dream Cruise, Mount Rushmore, or Route 66? Put your ideas on paper, or send them in an e-mail. We have a binder of runs that were done in the past, so why not bring one back or put your own spin on it? If you want a little help and collaboration, talk with the planning committee.

As Corvette owners, and Wisconsinites, we all hope Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow this year, but regardless, let's fill the calendar! So much planning is taking place now. People are contacting me about potential cruise-ins, fundraisers and offers, so I can only imagine what opportunities will come our way as the year progresses.

Let's make more runs, events, connections and memories this year. Corvettes of the Bay is what you put into it, so contribute, participate and enjoy your membership.

Dan Terrien President terrdL28@yahoo.com



\*George Yursis and Darrel Burnett\* Planning and measuring for a new Member of the Year Display



The COTB Member of the Year plaque hanging at The Automobile Gallery

\*\*\*Here are a few off-season projects\*\*\*

Adding raised white letters to the Corvette tires



Building Corvette bar stools





### **Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes**

### **February 1, 2022**

**Call to Order:** President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at The Village Grille, Allouez, WI with 54 members and guests in attendance. He then congratulated Tony & Sally Steffen for being chosen as the Club's 2021 Members of the Year.

**Approval of January Minutes:** President Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Tony Steffen and seconded by Ken Lyman.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane Lyman reported the status of the club's assets. Membership is currently 138 paid members and 4 honorary members, with 37 memberships from 2021 not yet renewed. President Dan called for a motion to approve treasurer's report, motion was made by Mike Golla and seconded by George Yursis, motion approved.

Scrip Program: Diane reported that for the month of January we sold \$200.00 worth of Shell gas cards and \$120.00 worth of Kwik Trip car wash cards.

**Welcome New Member:** David Wickert, who owns a 1987 red Convertible. Several members of the Valley Vettes Club attended: Kevin Rahn (2009 & 2014 Vettes), Bill Jaeger (2003 & 2014 C7 Vettes), and Bob Sparling (2001 Vette).

### **Summary of Past Runs and Events:**

- Christmas party, January 7, at Riverside Ballroom. Sally Northrop reported 84 people attended and enjoyed a dinner of chicken & beef tips and entertainment by the Preble High School Music Department. Members sharing a piece of information about themselves that others might not have known was a big hit, with prizes given out after each name was drawn.
- Pizza Night, January 19, at Gallagher's on Lineville Rd. Rick Northrop reported 34 people attended, and Gallagher's provided gift certificates to be given out as door prizes.

#### **Upcoming Runs and Events:**

- February 6 Guy Ringle & Elizabeth Vieau have planned dinner at the Hotel Seymour. Meet there at 5 pm, dinner at 5:30. They have 30 people signed up so far.
- March 24 Dan & Angelina Terrien are planning a dinner run to Mark's East Side in Appleton. Meet at the Cenex gas station, 1221 Grant St, DePere, at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30. More details to come.
- May 3 Teacher Appreciation Day at St. John Paul II Classical School, 320 Victoria St, Green Bay. The school principal asked the club to help surprise their teachers with rides to lunch (11am-1pm) in a Corvette, and he would publicize the event through local news outlets. A signup sheet was circulated looking for approximately 15 volunteers.
- The signup sheet for dinner and ice cream runs was passed around. Anyone who plans a run should email the details to Deb VandenAvond at debvan64@sbcglobal.net for communication to the club members and inclusion on the website.

**Help Wanted:** Our goal for this year is to plan more activities. A **Planning Committee** co-chaired by board members Chuck Templer and Jason Dellise is being organized with the purpose of facilitating more runs and assisting members in the planning process. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Chuck at <a href="mailto:chtempler@gmail.com">chtempler@gmail.com</a> or Jason at <a href="mailto:jasondellise@yahoo.com">jasondellise@yahoo.com</a>.

President Dan Terrien reported we are still looking for someone to be our **COTB Historian**. If you enjoy doing research and are interested in this opportunity, please contact Dan.

**Insurance Follow-up:** President Dan explored the insurance associated with the National Corvette Museum specifically offered to clubs in an effort to save money. He reported that our current General Liability policy has a better rate than what they offer, and they won't quote on a Directors & Officers policy until our current policy comes up for renewal. Follow-up planned in December.

Automobile Gallery and our Members of the Year: The Club plaque is now hanging at the Automobile Gallery in their newer building. This plaque is full, and Dan discussed the need for a future plaque that would include Club information/history. The Gallery has also offered to feature Club member Corvettes on their floor, rotating about every eight weeks, and invest in a poster for each Corvette, which the owner would then have as a keepsake. The Club member would be responsible for pickup and delivery of their car. George Yursis, who works at the Gallery, said the Gallery does have access to a rollback to transport cars, and he offered free detailing for the cars to be displayed. Our hope is to unveil the new COTB area during Cars & Guitars on June 18, 2022.

**Corvettes of the Bay Website:** Sally Steffen gave a tour of our website, explaining what is contained in the various tabs, i.e., how to log in, where to find the list of members and how to print it, the Board of Directors, bylaws, budget, newsletters, photos of past runs, local car shows, club-sponsored events, etc.

#### **Corvette News:**

- Iconic Image LLC on S. Ashland contacted Dan to promote their painting and ceramic coating capabilities.
- We received a invitation in the mail from Looking Glass Corvette Association regarding their 47th Vettes on the Rockies event in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, August 4-7, 2022. For more information, visit their website <a href="https://www.lgcacorvette.org">www.lgcacorvette.org</a>. This could be an idea for a nice road trip!

Adjournment: President Dan asked for motion to adjourn, motion was made by Tony Steffen and seconded by Joe Rabideau. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

After adjournment, Greg Rohde showed two films:

- Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton. She was frequently referred to as the "first lady of firsts" and established unbelievable records of her own in racing, aviation and automotive history. She was the first woman to be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame.
- The Entombed Corvette, a story about a 1954 Corvette in the National Corvette Museum preserved in its original condition, after having been stored for many years in a "tomb" in the owner's grocery store.

Diane Lyman

Corvettes of the Bay Treasurer

# Corvettes of the Bay "Community Connection"

## Written by guest columnist Tom Kujava Founder, The Garage Sessions Car Group. Est. 1985 and Host of "Wheels TV"

Let me start by saying thank you for asking me to write for such a prestigious group. Years ago, when someone told me they owned a Corvette, my response was, Compensating? Is that politically correct? Also, following an article written by Darrel Burnett is like Tiny Tim following Elvis Presley. Much respect to Darrel and the Automobile Gallery as I'm honored to be associated with them and on the Marketing Committee there.



When I bought my 47 Dodge in 1972

If you've never heard of me, you're not alone, but I have been on the car scene since I was 9 years old, building push go karts with my neighborhood friends and graduating from there. I do have a group I'm in and founded back in 1985 called the Garage Sessions. I know several of you in the Corvette club belong to it. When your President "Dapper Dan" asked me if I could write an article, I asked what would be of interest to your people? He mentioned the Garage Sessions and/or my TV show "Wheels" so I'll touch a little on both.



50 years later

I mentioned my car group called the **Garage Sessions** starting in January of 1985, and it was quite unintentional that it became an organized automotive group. After the summer car show season wound down in 1984, I found myself wondering what my friends were doing in the dead of winter. So, I called a dozen of them up and said come on over for Pizza and beer. They obliged and that basic meeting of a dozen like-minded car guys is going strong 37 years later and numbering almost......ready for this......wait for it.......wait......900.

Now the reason I call it a group and not a club is it really doesn't follow the lines of a traditional car club. No President, treasurer, secretary, dues etc. I'm just the "Mediator" if you will. To be a member you just ask me or Mike Pie and we put you on the list. Once on, you can post automotive related writings ONLY. No jokes, political ramblings, etc. The only other rule is to be respectful to each other. A lot of automobile items are bought and sold along with questions answered. We meet once a month when one of the members volunteers to host a Session. They usually will make a little food and it's always a BYOB affair. We usually get 150 people at each one. The name Session was coined by Mark Marsh saying to his wife, I'm going to my Session tonight, implying his psychological session. Which I must say, we do solve a lot of world problems at each one. That's the Garage Sessions in a nut shell. If interested in becoming a Garage Session member, send me an email at tomkujava@gmail.com or Mike Pie at mpie@new.rr.com



Reggie White and I when he gave me his 1949 Buick



As it looks today

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### "Wheels" the Television Show.

That started when I was approached in 2001 by the Production Manager at Time Warner Cable. He asked if I wanted to do a show on the Garage Sessions. I suggested I interview people who had cars and talk to them about their cars and themselves. That's what we did each month for a 30 minute show. We did about 75 of those before Time Warner ended cable access. Darrel Bricco, cameraman and friend who worked for Time Warner and Myself continued after he retired doing little tid bits here and there until his untimely passing. I still do interviews now and then, if interested in being in a video to have for yourself and family. To view the shows, go on YouTube and type in Tommy Kujava, then hit uploads to see them all.

Those are just a few things I've done. Oh, when mentioning Elvis in my opening, I also was/am an Elvis Tribute singer, but I suppose I could do Tiny Tim also.



Early Elvis

Thanks for allowing me to take up some of your time and remember, "It's the cars that bring us together, but the people that keep us together."



Today's Elvis

The Community Connection column is new in 2022 and is meant to highlight partnerships and various ways that Corvettes of the Bay connects to, and is part of, Northeastern Wisconsin and the greater automotive community. Please submit ideas for guest columnists to Dan Terrien at terrdL28@yahoo.com.

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# You get out of your club what you put into it.



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**LUANN POLL (FEB 2)** 

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### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**NEIL FROELICH (FEB 27)** 

**DAN TERRIEN (FEB 28)** 

SUE AND JOE RABIDEAU (FEB 14)
DAN AND ANGELINA TERRIEN (FEB 16)

### MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS 2022 SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

February Guy Ringle & Elizabeth Vieau March Dan & Angelina Terrien

April open

May Fred & Penny Bartman

June open

JulyopenJulyJohn & Luann PollAugustopenAugRick & Sally NorthropSeptemberopenSeptKen & Diane Lyman

October open
November open
December open

Spring Run open Summer Party open Fall Run open

Christmas Party 2023

When you have selected a specific date for your dinner or ice cream run, or to volunteer for an open month, email the details to debvan64@sbcglobal.net.

Deb will add it to the events calendar on the website and email the members.

Visit the Events/Community tabs at www.corvettesofthebay.org to see the most up-to-date list of events!

SCRIP Cards available for purchase at monthly meetings

- Shell Gas Cards \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts
- Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards \$30 each for 5 Ultimate washes

  Contact our treasurer to purchase cards.

#### **Contact The Editor**

If you have any questions or concerns with the content of the newsletter, or would like to submit an article, please contact the editor, Diane Lyman, at dtlyman@hotmail.com. Looking for articles about "your first Corvette."

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**New Meeting Location** 



The Village Grille 801 Hoffman Road Green Bay, WI

Corvettes of the Bay Meet here on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm





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