



Vette Ventures

The Newsletter of the **Corvettes of the Bay** Car Club

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The Extended Sporting Season...

No, I'm not talking about football, I'm talking about all the Corvettes that appeared at the Village Grille for the November meeting! We had another great showing and the warm sunny weather helped.

What a pleasure it was to hear Luann Poll tell us the details of the incredible fall adventure she and John led this past month. It made my anticipation for 2023 all the stronger because I know we have many good things to look forward to.

Speaking of which, Sue and Joe Rabideau stepped up for the second month in a row to bring us a dinner run! On Wednesday, November 9th, we'll be meeting at the Long Drive Supper Club at 897 Riverdale Dr., Hobart, WI 54155 at 5:30 pm. RSVP with Sue 920-362-5404 or smrabideau1@gmail.com. The folks running that supper club are former Wally's Spot employees, so we should all feel right at home.

Do you remember in the last newsletter when I suggested planning a poker run for next year? In that same spirit, a member suggested to me after the meeting that we make an effort in 2024, during our 50th anniversary year, to plan other such classic runs. I'm referring to runs that the club ran successfully in the past.

There is a binder of detailed runs we did in years gone by. Stop by at the next meeting to take a look at it and get inspired.

Looking ahead to our next meeting on December 6th, we'll learn our election results from our fine committee of Gene & Linda Blohowiak and Dan Brunmeier. If you haven't already submitted your vote, you can mail your ballot to the PO box or simply call or e-mail Gene.

As we rapidly approach Thanksgiving, I think about how thankful I am for everyone who planned a run, planned a party, served on a committee, served on our board, offered ideas and made the club fun. Hearing about how the residents of Rennes in De Pere are still talking about the Corvette rides they received from the members of our club this year, members who donated their time for the betterment of others, warmed my heart.

Who would have thought that owning a sports car could give us all so much to be thankful for?

Happy Thanksgiving (a little early).

...can be extended even further with snow tires!



Dan Terrien

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022

Call to Order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at The Village Grille, Bellevue, WI with 100 members in attendance.

Approval of October Minutes as posted: President Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Joe Rabideau and seconded by Betty Byrnes.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Lyman reported the status of the club's assets, membership is currently 240 paid members and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve treasurer's report, motion was made and seconded, motion approved.

Scrip Program: Diane reported that for the month of October we sold \$500.00 worth of Shell gas cards and \$150.00 worth of Kwik Trip car wash cards. The cards will be on sale at each meeting.

New/Potential Members: Roger and Twyla Johnson, 2017 coupe light gray, and returning member Patty Edinger, who purchased a 2007 black/black coupe with only 6600 miles on it. Welcome back Patty!

All members can now start renewing dues for 2023, let's see if we can get everyone done before the new year begins. Don't forget to have your picture taken for our website. Names go great with faces!!!

Budgetary Considerations 2023: The board voted to establish a savings account for the club in case of emergency. This fund will be available in case we would find ourselves with a lawsuit, if our website got hacked and needed repair or additional security, if there was an insurance claim against the club, or if we had a steep decline of membership. Our primary revenue does come from membership dues.

A 501c7 social club may receive up to 35% of its gross receipts, including investment income, from sources outside its membership while retaining tax-exempt status. We are looking to put aside 1.5x our proposed operating expenses into a savings account/emergency fund no later than December 30, 2022.

If you have any questions or maybe any suggestions, please contact President Dan at terrdL28@yahoo.com or call him at 920-562-2191. Please do this before the budgetary meeting that is planned for November 29, 2022.

Insurance: We did investigate NCM (National Corvette Museum) for insurance, but we were informed that our current policy through Auto Owners is a much better deal. President Dan looked into getting a competitive quote for a Director and Officer Policy, which we currently have through Cincinnati Insurance, but will not be able to get one until the end of 2023, one month before our current three-year policy agreement expires. At that time, he will request a quote.

Election Committee: Everyone needs to submit their ballots before the December 6th meeting, mail to Corvettes of the Bay, PO Box 13122, Green Bay WI 54307-3122 or email / text your vote to Gene Blohowiak – genelinda7779@aol.com or 920-737-7517. All voting ends December 5.

Summary of Past Runs and Events: Joe & Sue Rabideau had a run on October 13 to the Torchlight in Shawano. 48 members showed up for good food and a great run. This attendance was much higher than anticipated, so just a reminder to make sure to RSVP if planning to go, it makes it easier for the restaurant to plan ahead.

Fall Adventure: October 19-20 was a big success. Luann Poll put together a fantastic run and events for an overnight stay, 14 Corvettes started from De Pere, and one fake Corvette (Dan Linssen), but some say after decorating it a little it looked like a Corvette. Traveled to Pizza Ranch for lunch in Waukesha, then moved on to Volo Auto Museum, a great place to tour and look at great vehicles. Then traveled to The Abbey Resort & Spa in Fontana, where they had cocktails and then a meal at the Waterfront Patio. Entertainment was provided by Magic Dave, and everyone had a great evening.

The next day they drove to the Yerkes Observatory where they enjoyed looking at the stars and having a professional photographer take some great pictures of their cars. After that they had lunch at Popeye's Galley & Grog, after lunch they went on a cruise around Lake Geneva with ice cream sundaes. For supper they went to Water Street Brewery in Grafton and then enjoyed a nice drive back up to Green Bay.

THANK YOU! Luann Poll for creating our first overnight run since 2019 a great adventure. We hope this opens the doors for others to plan some fun times next year.

Regarding the radios that were given to the club by Jim Pyle and taken along on the Fall Run, there were problems in trying to use them. Training was requested, so Jim will be giving a tutorial in Spring on how the radios work.

Upcoming Runs and Events:

November 9 - Sue & Joe Rabideau are planning dinner at The Long Drive Supper Club in Hobart. RSVP by November 6 please. Meet at 5:30 pm for drinks and dinner to follow.

January 6, 2023 – Our Annual Christmas Party at Riverside Ballroom, Green Bay, cocktails at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

Member of the Year Nominations! If you know a couple of fun people that would qualify for this award, please contact Jason Dellise at jasondellise@yahoo.com or 920-619-7682. If you can, please include a sentence as to why you think they should be nominated. The board will vote and decide on the Member of the Year at their next meeting on November 29, with the award presented at our Christmas Party on January 6, 2023.

Corvette News, Etc:

Dave Riebe's '67 has been replaced by Greg Rohde's '62 at the Automobile Gallery. We have Corvettes lined up to fill this spot until August 2023.

Vicki Blahnik brought up how we bring joy to our senior citizens. She had spoken with someone who works at Rennes Assisted Living, and to this day they bring up how much fun it was to see and get rides in our Corvettes. Joy can be given in so many ways and we are happy we were able to give them that.

Next year Jim Pyle is arranging to have the head of engineering of Corvettes come and talk to us about how Corvettes are made.

Patty Edinger has some Corvette clothing available, L and XL jackets and t-shirts. Please contact her if you are interested.

Jim Steinbrecher is selling a 1980 Mercedes 450SL roadster with 1016 miles, price around \$10,000.00. Please contact him if interested.

Greg Rohde showed us three great videos on the Z06, Zora's Legacy, Conquer the Air and Purpose & Promise. Thank you again for great information on the Corvettes.

Adjournment was at 8:08 pm, President Dan asked for a motion, motion made by Dan Brunmeier and seconded by Ken Lyman.

Elizabeth Kelling, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary



Corvettes of the Bay “Community Connection”

Written by guest columnist John Gunnell

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The Beginnings of the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals

Some of you may be familiar with a car show organizer named Bob Ashton. It's even possible you know Bob by sight, but not by name. That's because he used to manage the annual “World of Wheels” shows in Green Bay for many years.

When the World of Wheels folks decided to streamline their operations, they left the Green Bay and Madison markets. They also ended the Chevy & Corvette Nationals they were involved with in the Chicago area.

Bob Ashton realized that he was out of work, but that situation didn't last long. A bunch of his friends in the car hobby—I believe seven men from across the United States—called him to a meeting and said they were starting the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (www.MCACN.com) at the Donald E. Stephens Center in Rosemont, Ill. (near O'Hare Airport). They wanted Bob to be the Managing Member of their team.

The following is a description of some features—especially the Corvette highlights--of that original 2009 MCACN event.

- Fox Sports TV was on site in 2009 and taping Vettes for an upcoming television show that was entirely devoted to the launch of the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals.
- Corvette L88 Showcase: This show-within-show in 2009 featured a variety of the very best L88 Corvettes. All were real-deal documented cars with incredible histories.
- Dick Guldstrand, “Mr. Corvette,” was at the 2009 event to autograph his book and share stories of his involvement with the Corvette, including his time as a team driver racing one of the original Grand Sport Corvettes.
- The 2009 Triple Diamond Corvette Gallery and Competition was sponsored by Mike Yager's Mid America Motorworks. Visitors in 2009 could see the finest restored and original Corvettes that had already achieved Bloomington Gold and NCRS Top Flight status. This was truly the first “best of the best” in the Corvette world! The display was set up in chronological order to show the history of the Corvette.

Since 2009, Bob Ashton and his associates have put together a dozen other MCACN events with equal or better Corvette attractions. Some of the amazing Corvettes we've seen at the Stephens Center over the years include Kevin MacKay's see-through Corvette, one of Zora-Arkus Duntov's personal Corvettes, a number of big-block Corvettes that were customized by Motion Performance of Long Island, N.Y. and a C1 Cut-Away Corvette originally built for car show exhibition.

The 2022 show, which takes place Nov. 19 and Nov. 20, is only weeks away. All of the attractions Bob has planned for Corvette lovers are featured on the Website listed above. The Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals is truly one of those “bucket list” items that you'll want to see at least once. In fact, the Car Sessions group from Green Bay chartered a bus to go there two years ago and they are still talking about it. Watch out though . . . once you make the trip to Rosemont, you might want to return year-after-year.

*John Gunnell lives in Iola, Wis., where he worked for **Old Cars Weekly** for 30 years. He also writes for the **National Corvette Owners Assoc.** and regularly does appraisals of classic cars, including all of the vehicles in Green Bay's Automobile Gallery.*

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.

A trio of Corvettes that participated in MCACN's outstanding "Corvette Legends Invitational" in 2017.



Fall Adventure - October 19-20, 2022



Dan and Vicki Linssen during the Fall Adventure in front of the Yerkes Observatory with their rare Caravette.



Club members entering the Yerkes Observatory area and adding to the fall colors.

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

MARTY AND ROCKY HOCKERS (NOV 9)

MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS 2022

November Sue & Joe Rabideau
December open

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

ADDITIONAL RUNS

Chicken Run open
Christmas Party Jan 6, 2023 Deb VandenAvond, Sally Northrop, Cheryl Yursis

Start thinking about runs you would like for next year. It's never too early to plan!

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

Deb will add it to the events calendar on the website and e-mail the members.

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

CHECK OUT THESE ADS

- For Sale: 2014 C7 3LT Z51, White w/Red interior. 11K miles. \$48K Call Dan Lardinois 920-639-8465
- For Sale: Black leather jacket with Corvette emblem, red windbreaker, t-shirts, sizes L & XL
- Call Patty Edinger if interested 920-680-7174

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.

NOTICE

December is the month of our Annual Meetings when the election results for the 2023 Board of Directors and the 2023 Budget will be presented.

Board of Directors Meeting will be held November 29 at 7:00 PM

Members Meeting will be held December 6 at 7:00 PM

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.

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The Village Grille

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7:00 pm*

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