



# Vette Ventures

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

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## A Dozen Then a Dozen More

As with life, it goes by quickly.

A couple dozen president's letters, new initiatives, strategy sessions, deepening of relationships, and the forging of community ties all make for a strong end to the first fifty years of a club that has been a colorful part of the local car community and the greater Green Bay community for longer than I've been alive.

Summarizing the past two years seems an impossible task, but I can tell you that serving as your president stretched and grew me, presented challenges to overcome, saw goals met, victories achieved, fun times and memorable moments.

How cool was it to have 94 members attend our December meeting? I would have never imagined that our meetings would have grown to this size or that you'd bless me with a standing ovation as I prepare to close out my presidency at the end of this month.

It has been a privilege and a true honor to serve you and Corvettes of the Bay these past two years as president, and I thank you all for your support, patience and contributions.

I'm excited for Tony Yaggie to take the reins in January to lead us during our 50th year as a club as I settle into the advisory position of Immediate Past President.

See you at The Automobile Gallery for the Christmas Party of all Christmas parties!

**PLEASE NOTE: OUR NEXT MEETING** will not be the first Tuesday, but instead will be held the second Tuesday of the month – **JANUARY 9, 2024**, at 7PM. The location will **remain at 1390 Bellevue Street for January.**

*Dan Terrien*

# Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023

## Call to Order/Silence Phones:

President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:01pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 94 members in attendance.

## Motion to Approve November Meeting Minutes:

President Dan called for a motion to approve the November minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier; motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report – Terri Villiesse:

Terri Villiesse reported the status of the club's assets and last month's sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards. Membership is currently at 246 paid members; 42 singles, 102 duals, and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Rick Northrop; motion carried.

## Membership:

- New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance – None at this meeting.
- We are taking membership renewals now. Memberships that come in now are good through December 31st, 2024. Commemorative COTB 50th anniversary window clings will be given to members this evening with a paid membership.

## 2024 Annual Budget:

The Board has prepared a budget to be discussed and approved by members today, our "annual meeting" – Terri Villiesse. Terri reviewed the 2024 annual budget in detail. President Dan asked for a motion to approve the 2024 annual budget. Motion was made by Liz Kelling; motion carried.

## Website – Corvettesofthebay.org has been updated and reorganized:

- "Member Only Resource and Reference Library" has been consolidated and other minor improvements.
- A new subtitle "Road Trip Ideas, Destinations, Directions & Guidelines" includes digital copies of everything in our physical "Run Binder." Please send your run ideas to President Dan and he will forward to Gerard, our Webmaster.
- Carol Jacobs received a round of applause for digitizing the binder. Please explore this new section of our website!

## Meeting Place:

President Dan reports the Board discussed other possible meeting locations, and decided to maintain our relationship with The Village Grille. We will likely be moving back to the main Village Grille location (Hoffman Road) during the months of January – April 2024. The Board will communicate with Cathy, the owner, and confirm January meeting location later this month.

## Past Runs and Events:

- November 11 – Green Bay Yacht Club 19th Annual Veteran's Day Commemoration: William Miehle. Bill reports this was a last minute event, but there were five Corvettes and three members who are Veterans. The group met at the Yacht Club at 10:00am, there were approximately 200 people in attendance along with dignitaries, music, food, coffee, and gun salutes. There has been discussion to continue this event in the future. Bill also shared another thing to celebrate; on this day in 1933 it is considered a red letter day in the history of Wisconsin – the Volstead Act was repealed ending the prohibition – cheers!
- November 18 – Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL: Darrell Bringe and Mark Finco. Mark reports this was an outstanding event. There were cars from Canada, the NCRS was present, and the "barn find" section had some rare cars.

## Upcoming Runs and Events (Remember to wear your name badges):

- January 5 – Christmas Party/50th Anniversary kick off - The Automobile Gallery: Deb VandenAvond. Deb reports she and Diane Lyman helped with some of the details, however, Luann Poll spent a great deal of time and hard work planning this party to kick off the 50th anniversary of COTB. Chef Tony of Chefusion and his team will have several stations throughout the Gallery featuring meat, chicken, shrimp, potatoes, sweets and desserts. A cash bar will be available. Luann will have many great surprises in store! The event will take place from 5:00-8:00pm. Eat, drink, and be merry!! (Don VandenAvond inquired if Jay Leno will grace us with his presence...)
- President Dan informed the club that Darrel Burnett, club member and Executive Director of The Automobile Gallery, donated a beautiful C8 wall plaque to be given at the Christmas party! Thank you, Darrel!!
- February 4 – Dinner at Hotel Seymour – Elizabeth Ringle: Elizabeth reports she and Guy chose the Hotel Seymour as they will be able to accommodate our group size. This particular weekend does not have a football game scheduled, so there is no interference with other football games, and those who are working full-time will be able to attend. Cocktails at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:00pm. Please e-mail or text Elizabeth if you would like to attend; deadline is January 28. The Hotel Seymour will accommodate 35-40 people as we will dine in the main dining room.
- President Dan's last meeting – Luann Poll. Luann reports this is Dan's last meeting as our President. He works full-time and works full-time for us; he is amazing and we thank him from the bottom of our hearts!!!
- August 28-31, 2024, National Corvette Caravan to the NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration, Bowling Green, KY: Luann Poll. GET YOUR HOTELS NOW. This event happens once every five years, and hotels in Bowling Green and Effingham are already taking reservations. In 2019 there were 762 cars in attendance in the Midwest! Luann is working on a route home for those interested.
- President Dan states there are two bricks at the NCM representing the COTB.
- Jim Pyle reports he has access to the Vickery Village in Suamico and would be willing to spearhead a party/car show/50th anniversary celebration at that venue. Harry Liebergen suggested that event take place the first week in October to align with the actual month that Corvettes of the Bay started, and other members agreed that would be good timing. The venue also has heated closures in the event of inclement weather.

## Corvette News/Good of the Group:

- President Dan read a thank you card to the club from Tom and Cathy Harrison. Tom's mother recently passed.
- Rick and Sally Northrop are the owners of a 2014 Premier Edition Limerock Green Corvette with a red/brown top and saddle tan interior; he is so proud of the new vehicle that he wore a shirt the same color green! Rick states he always wanted a 2014 since they were first introduced. There were 550 Premier Edition Corvettes built that year, and they own #174/550. The car was purchased with the assistance of Joe Rabideau, who found it at a dealership in Scottsdale, AZ, and after some "bumps in the road" the car is now home and awaiting spring!
- Carol Jacobs' 2021 HTC Z51 Convertible is out of The Automobile Gallery, and Greg Rohde's award winning '62 is now there. If anyone is interested in representing in 2024, please see Dan.
- Aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House - Gene or Linda Blohowiak. Gene reports he had been ill the past couple of meetings, but made a great haul today.
- Greg Rohde discussed winter gets boring after Christmas, and at that time he will begin the restoration of his 1958 Corvette. Greg is thinking of having a Tuesday or Thursday morning "Coffee, Donuts, and BS" session from 9:00am-noon. This is a great way to get out of the house once or twice per week - there are many members showing interest in this experience. Thank you, Greg!
- Carol Jacobs mentioned next year would be an excellent opportunity to get new pictures of members with their Corvettes, since there will be many 50th anniversary events.

**Adjournment, Motion and Approval:** President Dan asked for motion; motion made by Ed Villiesse; meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Please buy some scrip (Gas and car wash cards from Terri) after the meeting!

*Mary Ann Torrez*

*Corvettes of the Bay Secretary*

## 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Dan Terrien  
Vice President - Jason Dellise  
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez  
Treasurer - Terri Villiesse  
Board Member - Cathy Harrison  
Board Member - Luann Poll  
Board Member - Chuck Templar

The more you put into the club...the more you get out of it!!

### DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

December open  
January open  
February 4 Guy & Elizabeth Ringle  
March open  
April open  
May open  
June open

### 2023

### SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

April open  
May open  
June open

### 2024

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PENNY BARTMAN (DEC 1)  
SUE RABIDEAU (DEC 2)  
CHRIS BOETTCHER (DEC 7)  
SHELBY SCHAPPA (DEC 7)  
MARK HENDRICKS (DEC 8)  
ROCHELLE (ROCKY) HOCKERS (DEC 8)  
SHEILA JAEGER (DEC 8)  
JIM WOEPSE (DEC 14)  
MIKE DAVID (DEC 15)  
GUY RINGLE (DEC 17)  
KATHY OTT (DEC 19)  
TONY STEFFEN (DEC 19)  
GENE BLOHOWIAK (DEC 23)  
KATHY ROHDE (DEC 26)  
TONY YAGGIE (DEC 28)  
BARBARA COLLINS (DEC 29)  
DELPHINE RICHARDSON-WACH (DEC 29)

### ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

January 5, 2024 - Christmas Party - Luann Poll, Deb VandenAvond, Diane Lyman  
August 28-31, 2024 - National Corvette Caravan - Luann Poll & Vicki Blahnik

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to [debvan81664@gmail.com](mailto:debvan81664@gmail.com). She will add it to the events calendar on the website and e-mail the information to club members.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Deb VandenAvond has a new email address. If you have her old email in your contact list, please update it with the following: [debvan81664@gmail.com](mailto:debvan81664@gmail.com)

### 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.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

*Wishing for something new  
under your tree this year??*



## Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Our club is collecting pop can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please save your tabs for this worthwhile cause, and bring them to our monthly meetings. You can give them to Gene or Linda Blohowiak.



## Corvettes for Sale!

Joe Rabideau has two Corvettes in his showroom looking for a new home.  
2015 Z06 7-Speed Convertible, Race Day (deep) Blue, with 195.0 miles - \$79,000  
2020 3LT Coupe, Long Beach (darker) Red, loaded, with 103.0 miles - \$79,000  
If you are interested, please contact Joe @ 920-360-9814.

Visit the Events/Community tabs at [www.corvettesofthebay.org](http://www.corvettesofthebay.org) to see the most up-to-date list of events!

## 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](mailto:dtlyman@hotmail.com).

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## Meeting Location



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*Tuesday of every month at*  
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