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

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of our Corvettes of the Bay Members and your families!

Please remember our members who are ill during the Holidays.

Check our website, CorvettesoftheBay.org, our major source of information with regular updates listing runs and events and community car shows.

Our January 7th, February 4th, and March 4th meetings will be held at The Village Grille at 801 Hoffman Road in Allouez. You will be able to order food off the menu. Our meetings start at 7 pm.

Please remember that your membership dues/renewals need to be paid for the 2025 Year.

Our 2025 Budget will be discussed at our January 7th meeting.

All C8 owners should receive a reminder letter from Chevrolet regarding the transmission oil filter in your vehicle that must be replaced between 7000 – 8000 miles, at 22,500 miles, and at every additional 22,500 miles accumulated.

Upcoming Runs:

January 16 – Twin Brothers Restaurant on Velp Avenue in Howard, WI meeting at 5:30 pm.

Dates for upcoming Race Track Events:

2025 Road America Events – IMSA July 31 to August 3

2025 Milwaukee Mile – Indy Cars 250 August 23 – 24

2025 Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Indy 500 May 25, 2025

We would like to continue the two runs to Rennes Health & Rehab Center and Emerald Bay Assisted Living, and we need a member to volunteer to chair these runs. Rennes contact is Lisa at 920-615-3805, and Emerald Bay contact is Paige at 920-660-4082. Please let me know if you can chair one or both runs. Thank you.

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A big thank you to Cathy Harrison, Luann Poll, and Dan Terrien for their service to all our members through their volunteering on the Board of Directors.

Thank You: Gene and Linda Blohowiak for having the pull tabs collected more than thirty-six pounds. Thanks to all who have provided the pull tabs for this rewarding program for the Ronald McDonald House.

Corvettes for Sale: Please check out each dealership's website:

Gandrud – www.gandrud.com

Bergstrom – www.bergstromgreenbay.com

Jorns Chevrolet - www.Jorns.com

Rabideau Auto Sales – www.rabideausautomart.com

VOLUNTEERING – The Backbone of America and our “Corvettes of the Bay Club.”

Thank you for being a member of our Corvettes of the Bay Club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God Bless each of You!

Sincerely,
Tony Yaggie, President

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

Call to Order/Silence cell phones/Welcome: President Tony Yaggie called the meeting to order at 6:58pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 77 members in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Tony

Moment of Silence: Tony stated there are COTB members who are ill and in need of our prayers. Dan Brunmeier continues to battle cancer at Froedtert in Milwaukee. Terri Villiesse, our Treasurer, has been in the hospital fighting pneumonia. Gene Wagner is also battling cancer. President Tony recited the "Our Father" sending strength to our members in need.

Motion to Approve November Meeting Minutes: President Tony called for a motion to approve the November minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Luann Poll, motion carried.

Membership - New/Potential Members and/or Guest(s) in Attendance:

- Dan from Crivitz – 1958 Corvette
- Rich from Crivitz – does not own a Corvette at this time, but is in the market to purchase one!
- Alexis, Daughter of Brad Yaggie – future Corvette member

President's Report:

- Congratulations to our 2024 Member of the Year, Luann Poll. Dan Terrien recognized Luann for arranging many significant COTB runs and events in the past year. Luann demonstrates much enthusiasm with the club to keep it interesting and fun! Although Luann is stepping down from the Board as a Member at Large, she will remain connected with the club to continue organizing events for our club – thank you, Luann!
- President Tony recognized Deb VandenAvond for her service posting events on the website and sending COTB member emails. Deb is retiring from this position, and her time in this role has been greatly appreciated.
- Tony also thanked Cathy Harrison, Dan Terrien, and Luann Poll for their dedicated service as Board Members.
- Meetings for January, February, and March will be held at The Village Grille on Hoffman Road in Allouez; you will be able to order off the menu.

Treasurer's Report – Terri Villiesse

- Membership Dues/Renewals started October 1st, good through December 2025.
- The 2025 Budget Review is postponed until the January meeting.
- No report from Terri this evening as she is ill.

Website – CorvettesoftheBay.org – please review – great source of information

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Past Runs & Events - This information is available on our COTB Website including added details.

- November 9 - 20th Anniversary of Green Bay's premier Veterans Day Commemoration event at the Green Bay Yacht Club: Bill Miehe, who organized this event, was not in attendance; it was well represented by COTB members.
- November 23 - Bus trip to MCACN (Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals) in Rosemont, IL. Although the bus leaving from Green Bay was canceled, there was another bus leaving from Manitowoc. Greg Rohde reported that he went; it was a good trip.
- December 3 - COTB Christmas Party Event – The Village Grille & Let Me Be Frank's Christmas. A fantastic event, a great time by many in attendance. Cost was \$50/person which included a buffet meal and entertainment; the club paid nothing for this event.

Upcoming Runs & Events – This information is available on our website: CorvettesoftheBay.org, including added details and possible New Runs & Events not posted at the time of this printing.

- January 16, 2025 - Twin Brothers, Howard: Diane Lyman reports she and Kay Daugherty are planning a dinner to ring in the new year. The reservation is under Diane's name; please contact her if you are interested in attending.
- Summer 2025 – Graham Motor Museum Visit – Opportunity for a run and visit of a Museum in Eau Claire, WI. Contact is Mike Markin 715-829-7733.
- Luann Poll talked about a river cruise that she is working on for the club. She has met with a travel agent, and one idea is a cruise through the Great Lakes.
- Luann also mentioned planning a trip to Camp Daniel in Athelstane, WI, which is an organization that works with people with disabilities.

Corvette News/Other News:

Joe Torrez reports he has been a volunteer at The Automobile Gallery for five years, and there continues to be a need for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet fellow automobile enthusiasts. Any time you have available is flexible and appreciated; please contact Joe for further information, or contact the Gallery to apply.

Please see website for Corvettes for sale:

- Joe Rabideau Dealership
- Bergstrom Dealership
- Gandrud Dealership
- Jorns Dealership
- Displays at the Automobile Gallery – Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery. Scott & Vicki Blahnik's Corvette just left the display, and Harry Liebergen's 1957/2004 Custom is there now. After that, it will be Greg Rohde's car and then Gene Blohowiak's car.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Tony asked for motion, motion made by Tom Harrison, meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

Christmas Party
December 3, 2024

Congratulations to our 2024
Member of the Year
Luann Poll



Great entertainment by Let Me Be
Frank's Productions
(Cher and Neil Diamond made an
appearance)



1999 Chevrolet C-5 Corvette Convertible

Owners: Vicki & Scott Blahnik



A Silver Lining Leads to a Silver Corvette!

Some people are always searching for a silver lining, Vicki Blahnik's search ended with a silver Corvette. Vicki remembers, "It all started when my father purchased a brand new 1966 Plymouth Fury III Silver Special right off the showroom floor in Clintonville, WI." Cherished childhood memories of seeing her family's Silver Special glistening under the streetlights ignited a lifelong passion. Vicki dreamed of having a silver car, a dream that finally came true in September 2022. Vicki and her husband Scott tracked down this 1999 Sebring Silver Corvette Convertible in Michigan. You might say it was served up on a "silver platter." Its original owner had developed back trouble and was forced to sell.

As devoted Corvettes of the Bay members, Vicki and Scott own 1 of only 3,510 Corvettes adorned in Sebring Silver in 1999 out of a total production run of 33,270. In fact, the Blahnik's Corvette fits into a slim two-year window for the color Sebring Silver which was only offered in 1999 and 2000 after Chevrolet retired Sebring Silver Metallic as an official color in 1998.

The Sebring Silver paint isn't all that shines on this Corvette. Born with a 5.7 Liter LS1 engine with 345 horsepower, this LS1 has been heavily modified to send a power-packed 420 horsepower to the rear wheels. All that excitement exits through Borla stainless steel exhaust giving this chariot a surly soundtrack as it dips below 5 seconds on a 0 to 60 run while pushing the top end well past the factory specification of 172 mph!

As fast as this C-5 Convertible may be, sometimes it pays to go slow. By taking years to find just the right Sebring Silver Corvette, Vicki and Scott Blahnik turned silver into gold!



1966 Plymouth Fury III Silver Special



Thank you to Vicki & Scott Blahnik for displaying their car at The Automobile Gallery. Although their car is no longer on display and the storyboard was not available to publish last month, theirs is an interesting story!



"The Automobile Is The Art"
by Wm "Red" Lewis


The Automobile Gallery

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Tony Yaggie
Vice President - Guy Ringle
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
Treasurer - Terri Villiesse
Board Member - Cathy Harrison
Board Member - Luann Poll
Board Member - Dan Terrien

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PENNY BARTMAN (DEC 1)
CHRIS BOETTCHER (DEC 7)
SHELBY SCHAPPA (DEC 7)
MARK HENDRICKS (DEC 8)
ROCHELLE (ROCKY) HOCKERS (DEC 8)
SHEILA JAEGER (DEC 8)
DALE BESSON (DEC 10)
MARK DIERCKS SR. (DEC 14)
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)

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

January	Diane Lyman & Kay Daugherty
February	open
March	open
April	open
May	open
June	open

Please think about planning some dinners to fill up the early months of 2025. It's as easy as choosing a date, a restaurant, contacting the restaurant to make a reservation, and sending the details to Diane to communicate it to our members. Then just keep track of the RSVP's so you can inform the restaurant of the attendance number.

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to dtlyman@hotmail.com. The information will be emailed to club members and added to the events calendar on the website..

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

*Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year
To All*

SCRIP Cards available for purchase at monthly meetings

(a great fundraiser for our club)

- 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.

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.



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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