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

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Corvette Club Members,

Happy New Year to all! As we step into 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Thank you to all our past Board Members, especially Tony Yaggie, Dan Terrien, Cathy Harrison, and Luann Poll, whose terms ended at the end of December. A special tribute to Terri Villiesse. Terri passed away on December 17, 2024. She will be remembered for kindness, humor, and the many friendships she had in our club.

Congratulations to Luann Poll who was selected as the Corvettes of the Bay 2024 Member of the Year. Thank you for your outstanding service and for being such a contributing member of our club.

I am thrilled to announce the introduction of our 2025 Board of Directors. I have taken on the role as President of the club, Brian Jones has taken on the Vice President role, Diane Lyman is our Treasurer, Mary Ann Torrez is our Secretary, Cheryl Yursis is filling a Member at Large role, Elizabeth Ringle is filling a Member at Large role, and Sally Steffen is filling a Member at Large role. Each brings unique talents and a passion for our club that will undoubtedly enhance our activities and initiatives. Please refer to the "Meet the 2025 Board of Directors" page later in this newsletter that highlights the new board and additional responsibilities.

In conjunction with this, our 2025 budget was presented and approved at our January 7th member meeting. This budget is designed to ensure we can host engaging events, maintain our community outreach, and keep our club running smoothly. Your support and participation will be crucial in making this a reality. This budget is available on our member website, in addition to a wealth of information regarding our upcoming events.

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As your new leader, I am committed to fostering an inclusive and dynamic environment. My leadership style will focus on collaboration and open communication, encouraging each of you to share your ideas and participate actively in our events. Together, we can create memorable experiences that celebrate our love for Corvettes.

I encourage everyone to be active in the club, whether it's attending meetings, helping to sponsor events, or providing assistance to an event sponsor. Your involvement makes a difference and enriches our club.

Additionally, I would love to hear your feedback on our meetings and any changes you would like to see. What ideas do you have to make 2025 a fantastic year for our club? Your insights are invaluable as we strive to improve and grow together. Please bring your ideas to our next monthly meeting in February.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Here's to a vibrant and thrilling 2025 filled with camaraderie, adventure, and of course, plenty of time spent behind the wheel of our beloved Corvettes!

Warm regards,

Guy Ringle

Corvettes of the Bay President

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:54pm at The Village Grille in Allouez, WI with 64 members in attendance.

- Moment of Silence for Terri Villiesse – Guy reports Terri passed on December 17, 2024; she will be remembered for her kindness, humor, and the many friendships she had in this club.
- Daniel Ankeney passed away December 20, 2024; he was a former club member in its early days. Guy asked for a moment of silence to honor Terri and Daniel's memory, and reflect on their friendship and service to our club. May they rest in peace.
- Ed Villiesse asked for the opportunity to say a few words in memory of Terri. Ed thanked the club members who attended Terri's celebration, for the flowers and the heartfelt love. Terri enjoyed volunteer positions in the club, but mostly the position of Treasurer, as it was challenging. Ed specifically thanked Guy for communicating what happened, and to Diane Lyman, for her role as tutor while Terri learned the role of Treasurer. Ed states the club is very special.
- Dan Brunmeier – Guy reports Dan sends his greetings to the club; he and Elizabeth visited with Dan at Terri's celebration of life on December 28, 2024. Dan was looking good, he finished the chemo treatments, still has some minor surgery to attend to, but is looking forward to rejoining us soon. He received over 125 cards from members.

Motion to Approve December Meeting Minutes

President Guy called for a motion to approve the December minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Ed Villiesse, motion carried.

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance.

Randy and Amy Peters own a 2001 Corvette convertible. She attended Effingham, had a great time, and is looking to join the club.

President's Report

- Tony Yaggie Resignation – Guy reports Tony resigned from the COTB board and club on December 14, 2024. Tony and his wife Kathy deserve a big thank you from club members for their contributions. Based upon Tony's resignation and Terri's passing, Guy called both 2024 and 2025 boards together on December 16, 2024, to discuss how we should move forward to fill those two critical roles. The board reviewed the COTB bylaws and determined that Section 5.02 addresses the circumstances where a member resigns or is unable to fulfill their board responsibilities. The bylaws state that the board has the authority to replace any board member based upon a majority vote of the board.
- 2025 Board Changes
 - Guy stepped forward to assume the role of President.
 - Brian Jones volunteered for the role of Vice President.
 - Diane Lyman volunteered for the role of Treasurer.
 - The above moves were approved by the board.
 - Elizabeth Ringle volunteered for the Member at Large role vacated by Brian Jones. Elizabeth also volunteered to take on the new member orientation, picture taking, packet creation, etc. This was voted on and approved by the board.
- 2025 Board opening for Member at Large – Guy reports there is one remaining Member at Large role to be filled. Diane Lyman vacated this position by taking on the Treasurer role, and in addition, she will keep the newsletter role. We will need to have someone take over the email communications along with the remaining Member at Large position. The board needs to review and approve the appointment. Sally Steffen volunteered in the meeting to fill the open Member at Large position; she is also willing to take on the email communication responsibilities for the club.

President Guy would like to thank the 2025 board members for their dedication to the club. These positions are not "paid positions," and he feels we participate to give back to the club and help it be successful. Elizabeth and Guy cherish the friendships they receive by participating in club events. Guy reports as President, he intends to follow the bylaws of the club, will involve the board of directors in key decisions, will bring topics to membership for discussion, and will promote the "social" aspects of the club, which he feels is the foundation of why the club exists and is successful. In turn, Guy is requesting the members' commitment to step forward and be willing leaders of club-sponsored events, dinners, runs, etc. The board will be willing participants in supporting your social activities, but the board cannot do it alone.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

- Membership Dues/Renewals started October 1, 2024, and are good through December 2025. Diane Lyman reported the status of the club's assets and sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards for the past two months. Current number of members is 42 singles, 99 duals, and 4 honorary members, for a total of 244.
- President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Luann Poll, motion carried.
- Copies of a budget sheet showing the 2024 budget, 2024 year-end income and expenses, and the 2025 proposed budget were distributed to those in attendance. Diane and Guy presented the information and answered questions that came up.
- Motion to approve 2025 proposed budget. Motion was made by Tony Steffen, motion carried.

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Website – CorvettesoftheBay.org – Please review – This is a major source of information and receives regular updates listing the Runs and Events and Community Car Shows.

Past Runs & Events

- December 3 – COTB Christmas Party Event – The Village Grille & Let Me Be Frank’s Christmas Program. Guy states he and Elizabeth attended, there were approximately 60 members in attendance. Members appreciated the show, the food was wonderful. There was good conversation among non-members as well! Guy states he would like a committee to form the next Christmas 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 – Dinner at Twin Brothers Restaurant – Diane Lyman and Kay Daugherty. No credit cards, cash or check only please.
- February 2 – Luann Poll was selected as the 2024 COTB Member of the Year, and her plaque will be installed on the COTB stanchion at The Automobile Gallery at 1:00pm.
- February 12 – Dinner at Rosati’s Restaurant - Elizabeth and Guy Ringle. Excellent Italian pizza, pasta, etc. – order off the menu. Please RSVP to Elizabeth.
- March 12 – Tony and Sally Steffen are planning a dinner at Rock Gardens; details forthcoming.
- April – George and Cheryl Yursis will plan a dinner in April; more to come.
- Summer 2025 – Graham Motor Museum Visit – Luann Poll
- COTB Cruise – Luann Poll
- Camp Daniel, Athelstane – Luann Poll. Date TBD, but most likely a Friday in May.
- Any additional COTB events?
- Is anyone interested in organizing a May or June Spring Run?
- Summer Party Committee Chair?

Membership Feedback

- What would you like changed or added to Monthly Meetings?
 - Sally Steffen would like to see more social interaction, such as have 3-4 people stand and participate in “Two Truths and a Lie.”
 - Jim Pyle - Sit next to someone you’re not familiar with at a meeting or dinner run; there is much to learn about each other and the talents we all have.
 - Ed Villiesse belongs to the Sports Car Club of America. He states they ran an article about Corvette owners waving as they pass each other. Apparently, there is a history about it and he will research further and bring to the board.
 - Joe Rabideau suggested adding more than one dinner run monthly, as some members work and cannot attend. Ensure they are not within the same week, perhaps every other week.
 - Tony Steffen states he would like to see members think about ideas for a summer party and bring their thoughts to the next meeting.
 - Jim Pyle discussed the Wisconsin Supper Club Society; select a supper club every Friday.
- What would you like to see COTB do more of in 2025? Please bring your ideas to next month’s meeting!

Corvette News

- New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips
 - Mark Finco reports he received a Die cast model of his newest Corvette as a gift from his son.
 - Mark Hendricks would like to see information from an outside vendor regarding tires, for example.
- Dealership Inventory – Will be added to the Monthly Newsletter, if available.
- Displays at The Automobile Gallery – Dan Terrien reports the following club members’ Corvettes that are on display, and those for future dates:
 - Currently - Harry Liebergen’s 1957 Custom Convertible
 - March 4 – Greg Rohde’s 1962
 - May 6 – Gene and Linda Blohowiak’s 2016 Z06
 - July 1 – Richard Bunker’s 1965Great lineup through September; thank you for stepping up! Additionally, Harry’s 1957 is highlighted in the January edition of The Automobile Gallery’s “The Gallery Times.” There are additional Corvette articles in this particular publication. Dan thanked those members who volunteer at The Automobile Gallery; stop in some time!
Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.

Aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House – Gene Blohowiak reports as of July, 11.7 pounds have been collected. Thank you to all who donated!

There was a message in our club email from Karen Flood, who is trying to give away Corvette literature and manuals, and some parts and pieces that her late husband collected throughout the years. An inventory list from her will be sent out to all members so you can contact her directly if interested.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Joe Rabideau, meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

2004 C-5 Corvette Custom



The Last Masterpiece!

Owner: Harry Liebergen

This 2004 C-5 Corvette is so brilliantly disguised that it could enter the Federal Witness Protection Program. Every inch and angle of this Corvette would suggest that it is a customized 1957 Corvette but, closer inspection reveals that it is actually a modern C-5 living out a 50s fantasy! Using the iconic 1957 Corvette as his inspiration, "Mr. Vette" Harry Liebergen devoted 1500 excruciating hours to creating the original one-off molds that measure 10 inches wider in the front and a full foot wider in the rear. Another 350 hours went into finessing the panels to fit tighter than a black cocktail dress.



Born 1 of just 2,641 Millennium Yellow Corvettes produced in 2004, this C-5 now ranks among the rarest of the rare. Beyond best in breed... this custom Corvette is the last of its breed! Now 78 years old, the connoisseur of Corvettes Harry Liebergen has decided this will be the last of 5 special 1957 tribute editions he will ever build. As an original member of the Corvettes of the Bay car club founded in 1974, Harry has owned 135 Corvettes in his lifetime and has restored, painted, or customized hundreds more over the past 6 decades as the owner of the legendary Green Bay, WI shop *Painted by Harry Liebergen*. His career is an unequalled blend of ingenuity and longevity.

Mirroring its owner, the venerable 5.7 Liter LS1 V-8 under the hood has plenty of pep with 350 horsepower and 375 lb. ft. of torque. While it effortlessly reaches 0-60 in 5 seconds and a top speed of 175 mph, we at The Automobile Gallery & Event Center encourage Harry to take it nice and slow so that we can all savor the majesty of his masterpiece.... *The Last Masterpiece!*



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



The Automobile Gallery

Meet the 2025 Board of Directors



President
Guy Ringle



Vice President
Brian Jones



Secretary
Mary Ann Torrez



Treasurer
Diane Lyman
• Newsletter Editor



Member at Large
Elizabeth Ringle

- New member orientation and distribution of new member packets
- Member face photos for website



Member at Large
Cheryl Yursis

- Update club and community events on website



Member at Large
Sally Steffen

- Email communications to members

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Guy Ringle
Vice President - Brian Jones
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
Treasurer - Diane Lyman
Board Member - Elizabeth Ringle
Board Member - Cheryl Yursis
Board Member - Sally Steffen

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

January 16	Diane Lyman & Kay Daugherty	
February 12	Elizabeth & Guy Ringle	
March 12	Sally & Tony Steffen	
April ?	Cheryl & George Yursis	
May	open	open
June	open	open

Please think about planning some dinners to fill up the early months of 2025. We would love to have several each month. It's as easy as choosing a date, a restaurant, contacting the restaurant to make a reservation, and sending the details to Sally Steffen to communicate it to our members. Then just keep track of the RSVP's so you can inform the restaurant of the attendance number. Please take pictures at the event and share them with the newsletter editor.

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to ssteffen276@gmail.com. The information will be emailed to club members and added to the events calendar on the website.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

DOUGLAS VAN ITEN (JAN 2)
DAN KOSIR (JAN 4)
SANDRA JOHNSON (JAN 6)
CHERYL SMET (JAN 8)
WILLIAM L'HUILLIER (JAN 13)
CRAIG BROWN (JAN 21)
LINDA BAUER (JAN 24)
HIYESMIN DEVRIES (JAN 27)
CLIF KANE (JAN 30)
CURT SCHWEINER (JAN 31)

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

WEBB AND IRIS JENKEL (JAN 4)
MARK AND BEVERLY HENDRICKS (JAN 23)

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

REMINDER

Annual dues are payable NOW.

Please send your check to:

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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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Meeting Location



Jan / Feb / Mar

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