



Vette Ventures

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

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Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

We hope this message finds you all well and revved up for some exciting times ahead! As we enter February it may seem like an eternity since we last had our beloved Corvettes out on the road.

February brings an opportunity to stay connected. Reach out to your Corvette friends and family. Sharing experiences and laughter can brighten your day and remind you of the fun times to come.

Plan something to look forward to, whether it's a spring run or a simple dinner gathering with friends. Having something on the horizon can make the winter feel shorter. Take advantage of the upcoming Corvettes of the Bay events.

February 12 – Dinner at Rosati's Restaurant – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle hosts

March 12 – Dinner at 1951 West Rock Garden – Sally and Tony Steffen hosts

April TBD – Dinner event hosted by Cheryl and George Yursis

May TBD – Dinner run hosted by Sally and Rick Northrop

Please check the Corvettes of the Bay website (www.corvettesofthebay.org) for additional event detail.

Maintenance Tips

Despite what the Groundhog predicts, before you know it, spring will arrive! Take this time now to make sure your Corvette is ready. Now is the time to make sure some routine maintenance is performed.

Change your oil and filter if you didn't before storage.

Check all your fluid levels.

Inspect your battery. Check that the trickle charger is working.

Check your tires. Start shopping for new tires if you did one too many "burn outs" this past summer.

Clean and wax. Never too late to give your "baby" a little rub down!

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Here's the latest news and updates from our beloved Corvette community.

GM dealer Rick Hendrick pays \$3.7 Million to own the first C8 Corvette ZR1. The black and blue ZR1 is reported to have a top speed of 233 mph. If you have a desire to own one of the few ZR1's scheduled for production, you can get in line now with select Chevrolet dealers.

Otherwise, if you are interested in a new 2024 or 2025 C8 Stingray, Z06 or E-Ray, the inventory of new Corvettes for sale in the United States looks favorable. According to the Chevrolet Live Inventory Tracker, on January 8, 2025, these are the following inventories of C8's at all dealers combined across the United States.

2025 models – 3,842

2024 models – 1,600

Corvette Stingrays – 4,135

Corvette Z06's – 933

Corvette E-Rays – 374

Past Events Recap

Last month, there was a fantastic turnout at the dinner event held at the Twin Brothers Restaurant. Thanks to Diane Lyman and Kay Daugherty for hosting and thanks to everyone who participated and made it an enjoyable evening!

Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to Sally and Tony Steffen for volunteering to chair our summer party this year! Elizabeth and Guy Ringle will assist with the event. More information will come as the details are worked out.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to chair our upcoming Christmas party! If you have ideas and want to help coordinate this event, please reach out to us. Your creativity and energy would be greatly appreciated!

Additionally, we encourage everyone to volunteer for more Corvette runs! Whether you're leading a drive or helping with logistics, your involvement makes these events even more enjoyable for all.

A heartfelt thank you to each of you for your continued support and participation in our club. It's your passion that makes our Corvette community so special!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and hope to hear from those interested in volunteering!

Best regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:58pm at The Village Grille in Allouez, WI with 63 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve January Meeting Minutes

President Guy called for a motion to approve the January minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried. Dan stated he appreciated all of the get-well cards while he was out for the past couple of months.

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance – None this evening.

President's Report

- President Guy read a thank you note from Ed Villiesse for the flowers, cards, and support after the passing of his wife, Teri.
- Sally Steffen was approved by the COTB Board to fill the open Member at Large role, and she agreed to take on the email responsibilities.
- There was a lot of work behind the scenes with many website updates, and many thanks extended to Elizabeth Ringle and Diane Lyman for their work on this project.
- Special Events budget clarification – There is a budget for Special Events in the amount of \$800. This could cover Spring Run, Fall Run or any event open to all members. It is used to offset the cost of the run for all participants. The chair of the run would present proposal of using some of the special event funds to the board. Examples of appropriate uses are covering cost of shelter rental, museum admission, offsetting food costs, etc.
- Inquiry about 1975 Blue Corvette Convertible - Mike Hanley is trying to find the original owner of a 1975 Blue Corvette Convertible with oxblood interior. Car purchased from Joe Horn Chevrolet in Plymouth, WI. If you know of the whereabouts of this Corvette, please contact Mike at 636-578-8889.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

President Guy reports there will be no Treasurer's report as Diane suffered a minor heart attack Monday. Diane is in the hospital and in good spirits – we pray and wish her the best. Even as she was in the hospital, Diane was trying to conduct business over the phone! Please use Diane's home address if you would like to send a card, and keep her in your prayers. If you do have dues to pay tonight, please bring them to Sally Steffen.

Membership Dues/Renewals started October 1, 2024, and are good through December 2025.

Guest Speaker – Chris Slack, Manager of the Parts Department at Gandrud Chevrolet

Chris has been in charge of coordinating the yearly Gandrud Car Show the first weekend of August, and it has been increasingly difficult to find employees to help. Chris is looking for 15-20 COTB members to volunteer in the areas of registration and parking cars. Volunteers arrive at 5:30am with the registration starting at 8:00am, trophies given at 2:00pm. There is an opportunity to feature COTB in a designated area for us to display our banner, show club support, have an opportunity to win a Chevy performance engine donated by Gandrud, and be featured in the Gandrud Car Show calendar. The benefit of the car show is not only to enjoy the variety of vehicles, but also support Paul's Pantry with non-perishable food donations brought in by participants. There was an outpouring of support at the meeting; however, Gene Blohowiak will continue accepting names as backup.

Website

Access our CorvettesoftheBay.org on your computer or phone. The "Login" tab will bring up our private "members only" page where you can scroll through the member roster for member contact information and photos, and access important documents.

Past Runs & Events

January 16 – Dinner at Twin Brothers Restaurant—Diane Lyman and Kay Daugherty: Kay reported 30 members attended the dinner, which was quite enjoyable. Kay stated Twin Brothers is closing their current location, but are opening a new restaurant next to Gallagher's on Lineville Road on April 1st.

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Upcoming Runs & Events – This information can be accessed on your computer or phone. Go to our website CorvettesoftheBay.org. No need to log in. Click on the “Events” tab near the top of the page for details on upcoming events.

- February 12 – Dinner at Rosati’s Restaurant—Elizabeth and Guy Ringle: There are 42 members registered at this time. Rosati’s is reserving their “Tap Room” for our club. Please reply to Elizabeth by February 5.
- March 12 – Dinner event at 1951 West Rock Garden—Sally and Tony Steffen: Limited menu, but excellent options available. Please contact Sally if interested.
- April – Dinner event—Cheryl and George Yursis: More to come!
- May – Rick and Sally Northrop are planning a dinner run; details forthcoming.
- May 6 – Teacher Appreciation Ride: Chuck Templer reports he does not have a commitment from a school at this time, but this event is in the works. More to come at the March meeting.
- May 26 - DePere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade: Looking for someone to chair this event for our club. It’s a great opportunity to advertise COTB, and we are looking for members to carry our banner as last year. Gene Blohowiak has volunteered to coordinate this event. More information to come next month.
- June 8 – Allouez Fest at Green Isle Park: Joe Torrez reports COTB will have a section on the grounds as we did last year. There were approximately 600 cars registered last year and was well represented by our club.
- June 20 and 21—Graham Motor Museum Visit: Luann Poll is planning an overnight run on June 20th and 21st starting in Green Bay to western Wisconsin calling it “The Wondering Wonderful and Wacky Wisconsin” tour to the museum. Please contact Luann if you are interested.
- COTB Cruise—Luann Poll: More details forthcoming at the March meeting.
- Route 66 Centennial in September: Mark Finco brought this topic to the club’s attention. Mark was not available to share more information.
- Summer Party Committee: Sally and Tony Steffen will lead, Elizabeth and Guy Ringle will assist; stay tuned for details!
- Yesteryear Village: Pete Bilski reports this is an organization near and dear to his heart. Pete’s wife suffered with Dementia for 13 years, and this program through Curative Workshop enabled him to work while his wife enjoyed an interactive environment which fostered social interaction. Pete states there is a fundraising need to reconstruct the building behind Western and Military Avenue. He is hopeful 20-25 COTB members would be interested in meeting at his home, which is just a few miles from the facility, and provide ice cream treats to participants inside the pub. Pete discussed another event to help with fundraising which would coincide with IMSA at Road America, particularly August 2nd. Alec Udell, 28-year-old professional driver from Houston, Texas, is a friend of Pete’s and drives with the Corvette Racing Team. Pete discussed having a drawing of COTB members where Alec could provide laps around the track, and at 140 mph, that would be a thrill! There may also be an opportunity to socialize with the crew in the pits.
- Christmas Party – Please let the Board know if you’re interested in planning the Christmas party; we would like to make it a special event!

Membership Feedback

Additional feedback. What changes would you like to see added to the Monthly Meetings? What would you like to see COTB do more of in 2025? President Guy thanked everyone for their feedback that was shared during the January member meeting. One of the ideas shared suggests that we invite a sponsor to present maintenance tips. In general, the feedback last month suggests that the club would like to see more social events. The club also would like to see the member meetings stay upbeat and provide opportunities for social interaction.

Corvette News:

New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips

Rick Northrop discussed the trials of changing the transmission and differential fluid in his Corvette, and discovered it is easier by removing the sway bar. A task that was more involved than anticipated!!

Dealership Inventory – Will be added to Monthly Newsletter, if available.

Displays at The Automobile Gallery – Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Sue Rabideau, meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

CURT FLEENER (FEB 1)
LUANN POLL (FEB 2)
MARY ANN TORREZ (FEB 2)
NIK STAHL (FEB 3)
JENNA CULLIGAN (FEB 12)
BEVERLY HENDRICKS (FEB 14)
TWYLA JOHNSON (FEB 20)
PAULA PYLE (FEB 20)
WESTON FLEGEL (FEB 22)
TERRI BOETTCHER (FEB 23)
EVIE ROSSOL (FEB 23)
ANGELA ROHDE (FEB 24)
CONRAD SUTEK (FEB 24)
DANIEL TERRIEN (FEB 28)

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

REMINDER

Annual dues are payable NOW.
Please send your check to:
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The more you put into the club...the more you get out of it!!

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

February 12	Elizabeth & Guy Ringle	
March 12	Sally & Tony Steffen	
April ?	Cheryl & George Yursis	
May ?	Sally & Rick Northrop	open
June	open	open
July	open	open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

May 6 – Teacher Appreciation Ride
May 26 - DePere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade
June 8 – Allouez Fest at Green Isle Park
June 20 & 21—Graham Motor Museum Visit

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.

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

(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

The Village Grille

801 Hoffman Rd.

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