



# Vette Ventures

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

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## Spring is Almost Here!

**Dear Corvettes of the Bay Members,**

As spring approaches, it's time to dust off our beloved Corvettes and prepare for an exciting season ahead! We have a lineup of fun events planned over the next few months that you won't want to miss.

Upcoming Events:

- April 1: Monthly Club Meeting – 1390 Bellevue Street
- April 10: Dinner at Hotel Seymour
- May 4: Dinner Run to Chicago Street Pub
- May 6: Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 6: Monthly Club Meeting – 1390 Bellevue Street
- May 26: De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade
- May 28: Curative Connections Run
- May 30-31: Graham Motor Museum
- June 3: Monthly Club Meeting – 1390 Bellevue Street
- June 8: Allouez Fest
- June 14: Red Lewis Car Show
- June 21: Ziegler Winery & Dinner Run
- June 28: Ride with the Lights
- July 19: Summer Party

Be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information. There are still plenty of opportunities for you to plan and schedule a run or event! If you are not sure how to get started, take a look at the link on our website, "Road Trip Ideas, Destinations, Directions and Guidelines."

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A big thank you to all our members who are already stepping up and sponsoring events or runs. Your support is greatly appreciated!

#### Industry News:

Exciting things are happening in the Corvette world! The production for 2025 models has reached nearly 17,000 units, with the E-Ray contributing 1,600 of those. Wide body models like the Z06 and E-Ray are becoming increasingly popular. Rumors suggest that GM might introduce a Grand Sport version in 2026, along with a powerful 1400 horsepower ZORA variant.

If you're eyeing a Rapid Blue C8, be sure to place your order soon, as this color is likely to be discontinued next year. Also, Costco members can enjoy discounts of up to \$3,000 on new C8 Stingray and E-Ray orders—check with your local Costco for details!

Don't forget, the National Corvette Museum Bash is just around the corner in April!

I'm thrilled to see our members getting involved in the numerous events our club has to offer. For our April monthly meeting, we will return to The Village Grille at 1390 Bellevue Street. Come early to enjoy their delicious food, with eight menu items available starting at 5:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. The Village Grille doesn't charge us a fee for using their venue. Remember, we need to support their business, so eating before our meetings is always appreciated and needed to continue our current ability to use this venue.

Looking forward to an exciting spring season together!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle  
President  
Corvettes of the Bay

# Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

**Call to Order and Welcome** - President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:55pm at The Village Grille in Allouez, WI with 69 members in attendance.

## **Motion to Approve February Meeting Minutes**

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

## **Membership Announcements**

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

- Dan Kosir – He and his wife own a 1958 Silver Convertible.
- Richard Ameen – A friend of Dan Kosir, he is looking to buy a Corvette soon.
- Amy Peters – She and her husband Randy own a 2001 Black Convertible.
- Marlene Rezek – She and her husband Glenn own a 2017 Black Coupe and a 2004 Red Coupe.
- Eric Pelnar - Purchased a 2018 Z06 last September. John and Kay Daugherty introduced him to the club.

## **President's Report**

- Thank you to Elizabeth, Diane, and Sally for COTB Website updates.
- New Member Welcome Documents are now available on the website as a separate link.
- Board and Officer Duties have been updated. Good reference if you're interested in volunteering for any of these roles.
- If you have a person or contact that is willing to do a "Tech Tips" presentation at a future meeting, please let Guy know. The club commented that they would be interested in some Tech Tip presentations.
- Member meeting in April will be at The Village Grille 1390 Bellevue Street location. Please come and join your fellow members and grab something to eat before the meeting. Dining starts at 5:00pm. Instead of the buffet, there will be a limited menu including a grilled chicken sandwich, egg salad sandwich, cheeseburger, barbecue pork sandwich, tuna salad sandwich, fish and chips, jumbo friedshrimp, and Caesar salad with grilled chicken. Please remember that The Village Grille is letting us use their venue free of charge. However, they are in business and want to break even. By dining before the meeting, you are supporting the club's ability to use this space. If we don't participate at a level that helps Kathy cover her costs, we may need to look for a new venue for our meetings. So please consider coming early and supporting The Village Grille. It's also a great opportunity to socialize with our fellow club members. In addition, please keep in mind that when we have venues or owners supporting our club by hosting our events, we need to show our appreciation. Many times, they are going above and beyond to host our events. In return, they are hoping that we would come back even as individuals to support their business. Kathy needs to have at least 45 people to dine to break even.
- Corvette Adventures – Chula Vista Resort – June 5-7, 2025. Is anyone from our club interested in coordinating a run to the 2025 version of the Corvette Adventures in Wisconsin Dells? They are offering one free admission for our club. Guy can forward the contact information to you if you are willing to coordinate a Corvettes of the Bay run to this event. Once you are at the event, they have numerous additional runs that are already planned for attendees. If there is more than one club member interested in this free admission, Guy would put the names in a hat and draw one winner. Let Guy know by March 11.

## **Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman**

We were so glad to see Diane recovered from her heart attack last month; she thanked members who reached out to her conveying well wishes. Membership renewals were due in January. If you intend to renew, please do so soon or your name will be deleted from our membership roster. Diane 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 31 singles, 66 duals, and four honorary members, for a total of 167.

President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Sue Rabideau, motion carried.

**Website**—Access our ([corvettesofthebay.org](http://corvettesofthebay.org)) on your computer or phone. The "Log in" tab will bring up our "Members only" page where you can scroll through the member roster for member contact information and photos, and access important documents.

- Please contact Elizabeth Ringle if you have not had your photo taken for the club roster.
- If you are looking for ideas for future runs or events, click on the link "Road Trip Ideas, Destinations, Directions and Guidelines."

## **Past Runs & Events**

February 19 – Dinner at Rosati's Restaurant and Tap Room - Elizabeth and Guy Ringle: Elizabeth reported that she and Guy enjoyed a wonderful time with 42 of our fellow club members. We want to thank all who were able to join us, as well as a special thanks to Rosati's Restaurant and Tap Room for letting us use their entire Tap Room for free. Everyone was able to order from the full menu. It truly was a great venue for this type of event, in addition to the great food!

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## Upcoming Runs & Events

- March 12 - Dinner event at 1951 West Rock Garden - Sally and Tony Steffen
- April 10 - Dinner event at Hotel Seymour - Cheryl and George Yursis
- May 4 - Dinner event at the Chicago Street Pub - Sally & Rick Northrop: COTB used their parking lot on several occasions, and it would be a kind gesture to support their business.
- May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Day - Chuck Templer - Bay Harbor Elementary School. The plan is to have 15 Corvettes show up at a time, drive through Suamico, and bring the teachers back to school. Afterwards, Chuck plans for the drivers to go to lunch possibly at Anduzzi's on Lineville Road.
- May 26 - De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade 2025: Gene Blohowiak would like to have red, white, and blue Corvettes like last year. A couple members will be needed to walk with the banner, and anyone else who would like to hand out candy. Veterans are also welcome to join the group behind the red, white, and blue Corvettes. Please contact Gene if interested in participating.
- May 28 - Curative Connections Run - Pete Bilski: Limited to 20 cars for parking at the facility. There is a \$5 donation which will pay for ice cream treats for both locations. Details forthcoming. Kevin Van Ess is a local musician who will play for 30 minutes. Pizza after for members who participate. Please contact Pete for additional information.
- May 30-31 - Overnight Ride to Graham Motor Museum: Diane Lyman reports Luann Poll has 11 cars registered for this event so far. Please contact Luann if you are interested at [lupoll1955@gmail.com](mailto:lupoll1955@gmail.com).
- COTB Cruise 2026 (Travel Agency Guest Speaker at May Meeting) - Luann Poll
- June 8 - Allouez Fest - Joe Torrez: There will be parking for approximately 25 cars.
- June 14 - Red Lewis Cars & Guitars Car Show: Darrel Burnett, details forthcoming.
- June 21 - Ziegler Winery in Fond du Lac - Tammy & Brian Jones: Dinner after the run, details forthcoming.
- June 28 - Ride with the Lights – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle: Mark your calendars for the 2025 version of “Ride with the Lights” event. Elizabeth and Guy will help coordinate our club's participation this year, and many of our members have participated in the past. This fundraising event helps establish the funds needed to allow the police departments throughout Wisconsin to buy gift cards that the police officers hand out to people of need that they encounter along their way. More to come next month on the logistics and the fun events planned for this year's event. Beyond the exciting ride with police escort, this event will end at a location that promises additional activities that will excite us “car” and “motorcycle” enthusiasts. There is a “pre-registration” fee or donation involved.
- July 19 - Summer Party at Primal Eats: Sally and Tony Steffen will lead and Elizabeth and Guy Ringle will assist. Working on details, but they will need some assistance; please contact Sally and Tony.
- August 2 - Gandrud Car Show: President Guy reports on a sad note, Chris Slack from Gandrud, who was their main coordinator and sponsor of this event, passed away last week. Kevin Pivonka from Gandrud will be taking over the coordination of this event and be our point of contact, and stated this event will be called the Chris Slack Memorial Car Show. Gene Blohowiak reports there are 18 COTB volunteers so far, but it would be desirable to have additional help. Please see Gene if interested.
- August 2 - IMSA Weekend Event: Pete Bilski reports the Corvette Corral at Road America is an outstanding experience. There is a fee of \$70/person, but the day is filled with activity. Pete states there may be an opportunity for COTB members to get your car on the track followed by a pace car; the fee is \$30 for this. There may be a raffle to ride along with a Corvette professional driver. At 12:45pm, the Corvette racing team will be available to COTB members to meet and socialize with the drivers. Wrap up at 4:00, then meet at the Iron Buffalo Saloon in Menchalville.
- August 21, 22, 23 - Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle, PA: Brian Jones reports he and Bill Sarver will fly into Harrisburg, PA, and enjoy the weekend. Please contact Brian if interested.
- Any additional COTB events? Looking for volunteers to organize monthly dinner runs or ice cream runs in May or June.

**Aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House** – Gene Blohowiak reports they collected the amount from last year already at this time, for a total of 20.69 pounds. Thank you to all who donated!

## Corvette News

New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips:

Tammy Jones reports she and Brian purchased a 2025 Purple E-Ray, 3LZ Coupe; it can be seen in Bergstrom's showroom.

Greg Rohde: A must-see video! Check out Brian Wallace, Lead Vehicle Dynamics Engineer for Chevrolet performance cars, complete the Road America track in 2:08.6 in his 2025 ZR1!!! This video can be viewed on YouTube; search for Corvette ZR1 Brian Wallace at Road America/ Chevrolet.

Greg shared an article from Road & Track about white paint. Most vehicle colors were gray and black. In the 1930's the white colors manufactured faded into cream colors. Bright white paint colors were introduced in the early 1950's; the secret “recipe” was so valuable that corporate spies tried to steal it on behalf of China!

## Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Ed Villiesse, meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

*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

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

### DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

### SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

March 12	Sally & Tony Steffen	
April 10	Cheryl & George Yursis	
May 4	Sally & Rick Northrop	open
June 21	Tammy & Brian Jones	open
July	open	open
August	open	open

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

LYNN STEINBRECHER (MAR 2)  
RUSS TAPLEY (MAR 3)  
AMY PETERS (MAR 3)  
BRENNAN SMET (MAR 5)  
TROY PETERS (MAR 6)  
DEBBIE SMET (MAR 6)  
DAN BRUNMEIER (MAR 9)  
JOSH DORNER (MAR 11)  
RICK NORTHRUP (MAR 13)  
LINDA BLOHOWIAK (MAR 15)  
CATHY REKITZKE (MAR 17)  
ELIZABETH RINGLE (MAR 17)  
BOB ZAHN (MAR 17)  
MARK NEMETZ (MAR 20)  
CLIFF BARBER (MAR 21)  
GLENN REZEK (MAR 21)  
GEORGE YURSIS (MAR 21)  
BILL SMET (MAR 22)  
DAYNA HANSEN (MAR 25)  
TOM SCHAPPA (MAR 26)  
JOE RABIDEAU (MAR 29)  
GREG ROHDE (MAR 30)

### ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Ride  
May 26 - De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade  
May 28 - Curative Connections Run  
May 30-31 - Graham Motor Museum  
June 8 - Allouez Fest  
June 14 - Red Lewis Cars & Guitars Show  
June 28 - Ride with the Lights  
July 19 - Summer Party  
Aug 2 - Gandrud Car Show  
Aug 2 - IMSA Weekend  
Aug 21-23 - Corvettes at Carlisle, PA

**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](mailto:ssteffen276@gmail.com). The information will be emailed to club members and added to the events calendar on the website.

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

RON AND LINDA BRINGE (MAR 2)  
BOB AND SHERI DAVIDOVICH (MAR 22)  
BILL AND PAM SARVER (MAR 31)

Visit the Events/Community tabs at [www.corvettesofthebay.org](http://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.**

## REMINDER

Annual dues are payable NOW.

Please send your check to:

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

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## Meeting Location



The Village Grille

1390 Bellevue St.

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Corvettes of the Bay

Meet here on the first  
Tuesday of every month at  
7:00 pm

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