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

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Spring is Here!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Members,

As they say: If you don't like the weather in Wisconsin, stick around for a minute and it will change. After a mild start to our March, the weather took a nasty turn and finished the month in "lion's" fashion. April didn't start much better as Mother Nature hasn't realized the calendar says it should be spring! Either that or the April Fool's joke is "on us" this year!

But keep the faith! The excitement is building for a robust list of club and community events already planned for April, May, and June. I am greatly thankful to all our members who are stepping up and planning these exciting events. Your efforts not only bring us together, but also create unforgettable experiences for all our members.

Let's keep the momentum going with event planning! Your creativity and enthusiasm have already brought us some fantastic gatherings, and I truly believe there are even more amazing experiences waiting to be created.

At our April meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing from Katie Connell, who is the chairperson for "Ride with the Lights." This event will take place on June 28th and is an opportunity to experience a police officer led cross-country excursion from Green Bay to the WIR grounds in Kaukauna. Besides enjoying the thrill of this ride, you will help raise funds that are used to buy gift cards that our police officers use throughout the State of Wisconsin. Our police officers use these gift cards to help needy individuals they encounter every day! Elizabeth and Guy Ringle will coordinate our club's participation. Information on how to sign up for this event will be emailed to our club members as soon as it becomes available.

We also announced the plans for our annual Christmas Party! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 3, 2026. Elizabeth and Guy Ringle are chairing this year's event. We have booked The Swan Club in De Pere where we plan to have a wonderful family-style meal and entertainment. More to come in fall!

Meanwhile, we have many exciting events happening in May and June. Be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information.

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Our first overnight club run of the year is planned for May 30th to the Graham Motor Museum. If you haven't already signed up, make sure to contact Luann Poll soon!

As a reminder, most of our club sponsors offer discounts for their service offerings to our club members ranging from 10 to 15%. You just need to identify yourself as a club member and ask for the discount to receive it. Thanks to all our sponsors for their ongoing support.

Industry News:

If you want to buy a new C8 Stingray, now may be the time! Dealer inventories across the US reached 5,800 units in stock. Of these, there are 1,009 2024 model year units available. Dealers are finally willing to make some deals!

If you own a C7, there are a couple of lawsuits underway against GM dealing with the 8-speed transmission issues. Notably, there are customers that have experienced shutter or shifting issues. Many have reported that changing the transmission fluid viscosity has helped eliminate some of the problems.

On the rumor side, it appears the 2026 model C8's will have a new design for the interiors. The wall of buttons is likely going away with many of these buttons being moved to the infotainment center and doors. A grab handle for passengers is also being added. And it sounds like a new purple-blue interior will be available.

Looking forward to an exciting spring season together! It's time to start your engines and get those Corvettes out on the road!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome - President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:59pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 84 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve March Meeting Minutes

President Guy called for a motion to approve the March minutes as posted in the newsletter. [Motion was made by Tony Steffen by proxy for Dan Brunmeier, motion carried.](#)

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

- Don Brungraber, 1986 Vette
- Kurt De Keyser, 2020 Coupe, Accelerate Yellow

President's Report

- Happy April Fool's Day!
- Excitement is building for our summer event calendar!
- Thanks to Dan Terrien and Cheryl Yursis for updating our Community Events Page!
- Reminder that most of our Sponsors offer COTB Members a discount on their service options ranging from 10-15%. Jorns is offering a 15% discount. To receive the discount, you have to identify yourself as a COTB member and ask for it.
- Christmas Party – Save the Date – Saturday, January 3, 2026 – The Swan Club, De Pere – Elizabeth & Guy Ringle are chairing the Christmas Party. More information to come in the fall.
- Member meeting in May will be at The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street location. Come early and share a nice meal with your Corvette friends!

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

Diane reported that Brian Jones' mother passed away recently; our sympathy to Brian and his family. Diane reviewed the status of the club's assets and sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards. Two additional renewals tonight bring our total to 200 members! Membership Dues/Renewals started October 1, 2024, and are good through December 2025. Any member who has not renewed for 2025 will be deleted from the membership roster. President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Rick Northrop, motion carried.

Special Guest: Katie Connell, Executive Director Lakeshore Communications, Inc. and Chairperson for "Ride with the Lights." Event Overview – June 28, 2025.

Katie discussed Q90 FM is a small Ministry radio station and has one of the largest police outreaches in the state through the "Ride with the Lights" event. This event started with two police departments in 2016 and gave out \$10,000 worth of gift cards; the cards were given to those in need whom the police had contact with. Katie reports this event grows every year, and they anticipate over \$300,000 in this year's event. This year, there will be 35 International officers coming from Japan, Australia, France, Italy, Germany, and the Netherlands; this will be a unique and exciting event! Elizabeth and Guy will coordinate our club's participation. More information to come on how to sign up as soon as it's available.

Website

Access our (corvettesofthebay.org) on your computer or phone. The "Log in" 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. 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

March 12 – Dinner event at 1951 West Rock Garden – Sally and Tony Steffen: Tony reports the food was great and this event was well attended by the club.

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Upcoming Runs & Events

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.

- April 10 – Dinner at Hotel Seymour: Cheryl and George Yursis
- April 22 – 007 Special Collection at The Automobile Gallery: Darrel Burnett. Darrel reports he has been working on this James Bond collection for the past seven years; it will certainly be a magnificent event!
- May 4 – NWTC Car Show: Mike Golla
- May 4 – Dinner at Chicago Street Pub & Grill: Sally and Rick Northrop
- May 6 – Teacher Appreciation Day: Chuck Templer. Enough drivers have signed up to give 35-40 teachers a ride through Suamico in their Corvettes.
- May 15 – Garage Session at Torrez Home: Joe Torrez
- May 17 – Festa Italiana at The Automobile Gallery: Darrel Burnett
- May 17 – Black Sheep Car Show: Mike Golla
- May 21 – Veteran Flag Placing at Allouez Cemetery: Cathy Harrison
- May 26 – De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade 2025: Gene Blohowiak. Looking for more veterans to participate.
- May 28 – Curative Connections Run: Pete Bilski – ***This is now changed to June 4th***.
- May 30, 31 – Overnight Ride to Graham Motor Museum: Luann Poll. 22 cars are signed up so far, and there is room for more.
- June 1 – Diamonds & Gold Cruise-In: Dan Terrien
- June 8 – Allouez Fest & Car Show: Joe Torrez
- June 14 – Red Lewis Community Car Show: Darrel Burnett
- June 21 – Run to Ziegler Winery & Dinner: Tammy and Brian Jones
- June 28 – Ride with the Lights: Elizabeth and Guy Ringle
- July 15 – The Marq Supper Club: Bev & Mark Hendricks
- July 19 – Summer Party at Primal Eats: Sally and Tony Steffen
- July 19 – Tim Witt's Chevrolet in Crivitz Car Show: Dan Kosir reports any car can have a free oil change and tire rotation.
- July 24 – Run to R. Harder Gallery of Gems and Dinner at Mark's East Side: Teresa and Dean Kane. 30 people signed up so far.
- August 2 – Gandrud Car Show: Gene Blohowiak
- August 2 – IMSA Weekend Event: Pete Bilski
- August 9 – Algoma Shanty Days Car Cruise and Parade: Sherry and Marty LaFond

Any additional COTB events? Looking for volunteers to organize more monthly dinner runs and ice cream runs. Contact Sally Steffen (ssteffen276@gmail.com) to have details of your event sent to members.

Corvette News:

- New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips
- Aluminum Can Tab update – Gene Blohowiak: Gene reports he collected 25.9 pounds of tabs since last July.
- Any additional topics?
 - Rick Northrop is working on a 1976 Corvette Hardtop 4-speed for a friend, which is for sale. Contact Rick if interested.
 - Rich Ameen, new member, finalized his purchase of a 1974 Red Stingray.
 - Marc Finco discussed a humorous t-shirt that his son found on Amazon.
 - NFL Draft - Ed Villiesse: The NFL Draft in Green Bay is Thursday, April 24, through Saturday, April 26. For more information regarding street closures, please see the website greenbay.com.
- 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 Tony Steffen by proxy for Dan Brunmeier, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary



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<u>New</u>								
2025	2LT CONVERTIBLE	8SP AUTO		RED MIST	JET BLACK	\$101,200	S0077	C
2024	3LT CONVERTIBLE	8SP AUTO		SEA WOLF GRAY	JET BLACK	\$99,885	R0204	C
<u>Pre-Owned</u>								
2022	3LT COUPE	8SP AUTO	6,682	WHITE	BLACK/RED	\$79,995	R0208A	\$75,
2020	3LT COUPE	8SP AUTO	4,542	WHITE	MORELLO RED	\$75,995	R0179A	\$72,
2008	3LT CONVERTIBLE	8SP AUTO	70,170	EBONY	BLACK	\$27,995	R0165B	\$26,
2005	COUPE	4SP AUTO	48,335	VICTORY RED	LT CASHMERE	\$25,995	R0180A	\$24,
2000	CONVERTIBLE	4SP AUTO	50,014	LT PEWTER	LT OAK	\$20,995	R0128A	\$18,
1998	CONVERTIBLE	4SP AUTO	72,719	BLACK	BLACK	\$15,995	R0207B	\$14,
1993	CONVERTIBLE	4SP AUTO	38,204	RED	RED	\$15,995	R0209A	\$14,
<u>Consignment</u>								
2024	3LT CONVERTIBLE	8SP AUTO	5,698	RED MIST	BLACK	\$129,900	C0001	

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THE 7th ANNUAL RIDE WITH THE LIGHTS

Ride alongside our law enforcement officers in this awesome show of support!
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June 28th, 2025



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FOR UP TO DATE DETAILS – FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK EVENT POSTS!

Back The Blue...Help A Neighbor In Need

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

April 10	Cheryl & George Yursis	
May 4	Sally & Rick Northrop	open
June 21	Brian & Tammy Jones	open
July 15	Mark & Bev Hendricks	open
July 24	Dean & Teresa Kane	open
August	open	open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

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January 3, 2026 - Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

KAY DAUGHERTY (APR 5)
MARLENE REZEK (APR 6)
MARY THIRY (APR 6)
VICKI BLAHNIK (APR 7)
KAY LARSCHIED (APR 7)
SEAN FERNSTRUM (APR 11)
DENNIS COLLINS (APR 16)
DOUGLAS COHEN (APR 18)
DARREN HANSEN (APR 18)
PATRICIA VLIENER (APR 18)
MIKE LAMBERT (APR 19)
RONALD ROZMARYNOSKI (APR 19)
DON VANDENAVOND (APR 19)
RICH AMEEN (APR 20)
DENNIS HEIM (APR 20)
MICHAEL KUMKOSKI (APR 23)
KAYE JACOBS (APR 25)
CURT LARSCHIED (APR 28)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

RUSS TAPLEY AND DIANE VAN BOXTEL (APR 11)
FRED AND PENNY BARTMAN (APR 17)
GLENN AND MARLENE REZEK (APR 24)
CYNTHIA AND DAMIAN SCHUMACHER (APR 26)

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.

[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.

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

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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