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

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Enjoying the Summer Vette Life!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

As summer rides are in full swing, we're reminded that fall is just around the corner. The excitement of Packer football, vibrant fall colors, and gorgeous weather awaits us. So, rev up those engines, get your Corvettes ready, and make the most of this beautiful season before it begins to wane.

July was a busy month for our club, filled with numerous runs and events. Our summer picnic was a fantastic success, with over 60 cars and 111 people joining us for a delightful drive to Primal Eats. The food was exceptional, and the social time was even better, showcasing the camaraderie that makes our club special.

We were also proud participants and sponsors of the Annual Gandrud Car Show held in memory of Chris Slack. A heartfelt thank you to the 29 volunteers from our club who stepped up to support this event in various roles. It was thrilling to see Greg Rohde take home the Best Corvette in Show award with his stunning 1962 Corvette. In this newsletter, we'll take a closer look at Greg's car and the incredible work he's done on it.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events lined up for August and September. You will not want to miss the Door County Adventure and Trolley Ride sponsored by Guy and Elizabeth Ringle or the Road Rally Scavenger Hunt and Dinner sponsored by Jerry Schaefer, just to mention a couple. If you're interested in sponsoring a run, there's still plenty of room for more events in the upcoming months. Don't miss out on the opportunity to explore and enjoy the last bits of summer.

One highlight to look forward to is a fall ride to Copper Country, sponsored by Paul and Monica Fineberg. This scenic journey to the Keweenaw Peninsula in Upper Michigan promises to be a breathtaking experience, especially as the leaves change colors.

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Sign-up for our annual Christmas party has begun. On January 3, 2026, Guy and Elizabeth Ringle will host our party at The Swan Club in De Pere. Family style chicken and beef tenderloin tips with live entertainment by Daddy D Productions. All this for only \$25 per person. Please get your checks to Diane Lyman no later than December 2, 2025.

I'm pleased to inform you that we have received a nomination for the 2026 Secretary position on our COTB Board which will be open at the end of this year. Tammy Jones has volunteered to take on this responsibility. If there are any additional candidates, please notify Guy Ringle by September 1, 2025. Should we have more than one candidate, an election will be held in October.

We're thrilled to extend a warm welcome to all our new members! With our club now boasting 243 members, it's exciting to witness our club grow and thrive. Your passion for Corvettes and enthusiasm to help sponsor events is what makes our club special!

We can't wait to see all of you at these upcoming events! Take advantage of the great opportunities ahead, and continue to come to our meetings for the camaraderie and social time they offer. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and let's look forward to a fantastic fall together!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2025

Call to Order & Welcome – Guy Ringle, President

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue with 91 members/guests in attendance.

Motion to Approve July Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Tony Steffen, motion carried.

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance?

- Dale Wishert, who was a member in 1981-82. He currently owns a 1987 Convertible and a 2000 Convertible.

President's Report

- With sadness it was noted that club member Ed Villiesse passed away, and we took a moment of silence in his memory.
- July was a busy month for COTB, with great participation in various events!
- We have a need for more planned dinner or ice cream events in August, September, and October in particular, so please consider volunteering to lead an event to keep our momentum going!
- Thank you to all our members who participate in the meals offered at The Village Grille prior to our meetings. Your participation is allowing us to continue to use this wonderful venue for our meetings.
- 2026 Board Positions – There will be one opening on our 2026 COTB board. Mary Ann Torrez will be reaching her 3-year term limit as Secretary. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact Guy Ringle by September 1. Elections, if needed, would occur in October. Basically, the Secretary's duties are to take minutes at the Monthly Member Meetings and the Board Meetings.
- To keep our meetings efficient and timely, Guy asked that all event sponsors for both past and future events keep their updates to no more than two minutes in length. Please keep the update to a summary level of key information like meeting time, sign-up requirements, current capacity if there is a limit, or any changes from the website details. Please use email and our website to share significant details, as that gets out to all members.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

- Member count – currently at 243 members.
- Diane reported the financials for July: Income, Expenses, Balances, and Scrip sales.
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Sally Northrop, motion carried.

Website

Please contact Elizabeth Ringle if you have not had your photo taken for the club roster.

Past Runs & Events

- July 11 – Kewaunee Waterfront Pub & Grill Lunch Run – Brennan Smet. Brennan reported there were approximately 22 cars and 30 people participating in this event.
- July 12 – The Amish Rooster Run – Sally and Rick Northrop. Sally reported there were around 20 cars, it was a beautiful day, and the chicken was great!
- July 15 – Run to The Marq Supper Club – Bev and Mark Hendricks. Mark reported they had a beautiful drive along the Fox River with 20 cars. He also reminded everyone that if you plan to attend an event, but then your plans change, it's important that you let the leader know you won't be attending.
- July 19 – Summer Party at Primal Eats – Sally and Tony Steffen. Sally stated that Primal Eats was a big hit! Many compliments on the food. It rained when cars were gathering at Bay Port, but we had a nice social time at Primal Eats. Sixty cars/111 people had signed up. Thank you to the run leaders, the last car in each group, and the planning committee.
- July 24 – Run to R. Harder Gallery of Gems & Dinner at Mark's East Side – Teresa and Dean Kane. Dean stated there were 17 cars, 34 people who went through the gallery and 38 who went for dinner.
- July 30 – Run to Rennes Assisted Living, West De Pere – Mike Golla. Mike reported there were 12 cars and that the residents loved it! He also reminded us to "enjoy your cars while you can."
- August 2 – Chris Slack Memorial Gandrud Auto Group Car Show – Gene Blohowiak. President Guy reported there were 29 volunteers from the club and over 300 cars in the show. Greg Rohde won Best Corvette in Show with his '62 Corvette. Over 3000 lbs of food was collected for Paul's Pantry during this event.
- August 2 – IMSA Weekend Event – Pete Bilski. Pete reported there were 17 cars from the club, 25 people, participating. He was especially thrilled to see Robert Wickens race; Wickens is a driver who was paralyzed from the waist down from an accident some years ago and is now driving a car outfitted with hand controls.

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Upcoming Runs & Events – The details for these events are on the club's website corvettesofthebay.org.

- August 7 – Ice Cream Run to Scoops in Chilton – Fred and Penny Bartman. Fred reported we will meet at the Swan Club in De Pere by 1:15, leave by 1:30. There are 6 or 7 cars signed up so far. Scoops has great ice cream, so you don't want to miss this run!
- August 9 – Algoma Shanty Days Car Cruise and Parade – Sherry and Marty LaFond. Joe Feld stated the meeting time is 10:30 am at the Homestead Restaurant in Algoma, then on to the staging area at Olson Fabrication. Overflow parking will be available in the CTI lot.
- August 16 – Car Show at Classic Mechanics – Joe Torrez. Meet at 7:30 am in Appleton.
- August 23 – Fundraiser for Hope and Olive – Sally Steffen and Shasta Zentz. Sally stated this is organized by the Ladies of Harley. Hope and Olive is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering complimentary restorative permanent makeup services (tattoos) for cancer survivors, burn victims, people with alopecia, etc. This event is open to all vehicles with wheels, is a casual ride with a few stops, and will end at Waterfront Mary's. Cost is \$10 per person to be paid the day of the event.
- September 14 – Door County Adventure and Trolley Ride – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle. Guy reported this event is full, but we are taking names for a waiting list to fill spots if anyone needs to cancel.
- September 17 – Road Rally Scavenger Hunt and Dinner – Jerry Schaefer. Jerry stated this event is limited to 24 cars, it requires two people per car entry and a cell phone with photo capability. More details to come in an email. Rain date is September 18.
- September 24 – Dinner at Dolce Café – Diane Lyman and Kay Daugherty. Diane reported this new restaurant, located in Urban Edge on Lineville Road in Suamico, is owned and operated by the same guy who owned Twin Brothers. Gathering time is 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00. An email will be sent out with all the details, including menu choices.
- October 4 & 5 – Fall Ride to Copper Country – Paul and Monica Fineberg. Paul stated there are 22 cars signed up so far. Meet at 7:30 am, leave at 8:00. All the details were sent to the attendees.
- January 3, 2026 – Christmas Party at The Swan Club – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle. Sign-up begins with today's meeting. Cost is \$25 per person payable to COTB. Diane Lyman will be collecting now through the December 2 meeting.

Additional Events

- Darrel Burnett reported on Brits on the Bay happening on August 23, 9:00 am -1:00 pm, at The Automobile Gallery. This will feature some very valuable, very rare British cars, along with crumpets and tea!
- Contact Sally Steffen (ssteffen276@gmail.com) to have details of your event sent to members.

Corvette News:

New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips

- Joe Feld traded in his '05 for an '18 at Jorns.
- Bob Zahn has a new ZR1 Corvette on order.

Any additional topics?

- Mark Finco stated that Road America wants to do some modifications and wondered whether the club would be interested in making a donation to that effort. Bob Zahn made a motion that Mark research this further and bring a proposal back to the club for review.
- Sally Northrop brought in a t-shirt she wanted to give away.
- Amy Peters introduced some custom-made t-shirts, cost is \$13 each. See Amy if interested in placing an order.
- Don VandenAvond reported that today he is RETIRED!!

Adjournment Motion and Approval

Motion was made by Mark Hendricks, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Diane Lyman for Mary Ann Torrez
Corvettes of the Bay

Chris Slack Memorial Gandrud Auto Group Car Show – August 2

Greg Rohde wins Best Corvette In Show



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Greg Rohde**, who recently won the "**Best Corvette in Show**" award at the Gandrud Car Show! Greg's 1962 Corvette has not only captured this prestigious title, but has also earned numerous accolades throughout its restoration journey.

Greg's passion for early racing Corvettes began in the late 1950s and early 1960s after attending several sports car races at Road America. He focused on models equipped with the heavy-duty brake and suspension options (RPO 684 or 687). Over the years, he diligently searched for a heavy-duty brake car and related parts, eventually locating an almost complete RPO 687 brake set for 1959-62 Corvettes.

After several years of persistence, Greg successfully purchased the original car, overcoming challenges with missing parts. A lengthy body-off frame restoration began in 2013, and the final touches were completed by late 2022. His dedication paid off when the car was judged for the first time in May 2023 at the NCRS chapter meet, receiving the prestigious Top Flight award. Since then, it has also achieved the NCRS National Top Flight Title and Bloomington Gold certificates, both in 2023. Most recently, at the 2025 Bloomington Gold event, Greg's Corvette was featured in the Gold Collection.

Congratulations, Greg, on all your achievements and the remarkable restoration of your 1962 Corvette! Your hard work and passion inspire us all.

COTB Summer Party – July 19

Gathering in Bay Port's parking lot - yes, those are rain clouds!!



A nice ride through some beautiful country roads on the way to Primal Eats!



Amish Rooster Run – July 12



Horse power vs horsepower !!





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Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
Treasurer - Diane Lyman
Board Member - Elizabeth Ringle
Board Member - Cheryl Yursis
Board Member - Sally Steffen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

BRANDON ROHDE (AUG 2)
SALLY STEFFEN (AUG 2)
LINDA L'HUILLIER (AUG 3)
JOE FLEGEL (AUG 4)
BRAD MULLER (AUG 6)
WAYNE SCHMIDT (AUG 7)
SALLY NORTHROP (AUG 10)
DEE BELSCHNER (AUG 13)
LINDA BRINGE (AUG 14)
FRED BARTMAN (AUG 15)
MARY BETH RYAN (AUG 15)
DEB VANDENAVOND (AUG 16)
KATHY ZAHN (AUG 16)
ELIZABETH KELLING (AUG 17)
PHIL LEHL (AUG 18)
PAUL BELSCHNER (AUG 19)
GWEN HANNON (AUG 21)
CATHY HARRISON (AUG 21)
DARRELL BRINGE (AUG 23)
STEVE ROHR (AUG 27)
RON BRINGE (AUG 27)
DAVID RIEBE (AUG 28)
SUE ROUSSEAU (AUG 30)
BOB DAVIDOVICH (AUG 31)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

KEITH AND LINDA BAUER (AUG 5)
DON AND SHEILA JAEGER (AUG 5)
JOE AND MARY ANN TORREZ (AUG 6)
BILL AND LINDA L'HUILLIER (AUG 11)
RON AND DELPHINE WACH (AUG 13)
CHUCK AND CHRIS TEMPLER (AUG 14)
DOUGLAS AND DIONNE VAN ITEN (AUG 14)
DAVE AND MARILYN MOORE (AUG 15)
BRIAN AND TAMMY JONES (AUG 16)
PAT AND RHONDA SEIDL (AUG 18)
MIKE AND GWEN HANNON (AUG 20)
JIM AND PAULA PYLE (AUG 20)
GUY AND ELIZABETH RINGLE (AUG 26)

SCRIP Cards available for purchase at monthly meetings

- 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.

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

August 7	---	Fred & Penny Bartman
Sept 24	Diane Lyman & Kay Daugherty	
October	open	open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

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Sept 17 - Road Rally Scavenger Hunt (& dinner)
Oct 4-5 - Fall Ride to Copper Country
January 3, 2026 - **Christmas Party** - SAVE THE DATE!

Please think about planning a dinner or ice cream run to fill up 2025. We would love to have several events 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!

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

If any of your membership information has changed,
please advise Diane Lyman at dtlyman@hotmail.com.
This includes your Corvette!!

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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