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

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

As we wrap up 2025, we're thrilled to share highlights from our December annual meeting! It was exciting to see everyone sporting their ugliest Christmas sweaters, truly capturing the holiday spirit. A big congratulations to the top three "Ugly Christmas Sweater" entries. These individuals won a gas card or car wash card for their creative entries:

- 1st Place: Rich Ameen
- 2nd Place: Patti Vlieger
- 3rd Place: Troy Peters

Many thanks to our treasurer Diane Lyman for all the work she does throughout the year keeping our budget and finances in line. Our club is financially in great shape, finishing 2025 within our approved budget. Diane shared the proposed 2026 budget that was approved by our membership as part of the annual meeting.

A friendly reminder that your annual membership dues should be paid now! Our club receives most of our income from membership dues. Even though our Corvettes may be put away for the winter, we rely on the financial support from your membership dues to keep the club running year-round. We look forward to another great year in 2026!

This year has been incredibly successful for our club. Thanks to all our members who sponsored various runs and events that created so many wonderful memories. We've reached a record membership of 257 members, marking a new milestone for our club! A warm welcome to all our new members who joined this past year.

Don't forget our annual Holiday Christmas Party on January 3, 2026, at the Swan Club in De Pere. We have over 134 members signed up, promising a fantastic time for all! A heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors who have supported our club in various ways this past year. Special thanks to Gandrud Chevrolet and Jorns Chevrolet for donating gift certificates that will be drawn as door prizes at our Holiday Christmas party. We encourage everyone to show their appreciation by frequenting their businesses.

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As we approach the new year, I want to take a moment to emphasize how vital your participation is in sponsoring our runs and events. Our club thrives on the enthusiasm and support of our members, and it's your involvement that truly makes Corvettes of the Bay a fun and engaging community for everyone.

When you step up to sponsor an event or run, you're not just contributing to our activities; you're also creating lasting memories and experiences for fellow members. The joy of bringing people together around our shared passion for Corvettes is unparalleled, and your support helps us keep that spirit alive.

Let's work together to make 2026 a standout year for our club! Every contribution counts, and I encourage each of you to consider how you can help. Your efforts not only enhance our club's activities, but also foster connections and camaraderie that we all cherish.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Corvettes of the Bay family. I look forward to seeing the incredible moments we'll create together in the upcoming year!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous Holiday Season!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ

The Village Grille has agreed to let us use their Bellevue Street location for our January, February and March meetings.

We will NOT be moving to the Hoffman Road location as originally planned.

This will work out great for us considering the large attendance we have had recently.

THANK YOU to The Village Grille for accommodating our group!!

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes
The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI
December 2, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 105 members in attendance.

Motion to approve November Meeting Minutes— President Guy called for a motion to approve the November minutes as posted in the newsletter. [Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried.](#)

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance - Steve and Jeanne Canney from De Pere, 1987 Red Roadster.

- Linda Wallander passed away on November 26; she and her husband Ed were COTB members for over 25 years.
- Dan Terrien's father, William, passed away on November 29.
- A moment of silence was held in remembrance of those who passed and their families.

Annual Meeting – Guy Ringle

- Call to Order of Annual Meeting –
- Review of Treasurer's Report and Annual Budget Proposal for 2026 – Diane Lyman
 - Member Count – 257 members, all time high!
 - Scrip, Income, Expenses, Balances
 - Budget Proposal for 2026
 - Member Discussion
 - Motion to Approve 2026 Budget & Treasurer's Report
 - Reminder it is time to renew your annual membership for 2026, end of January is the deadline!
 - Additional Topics for Annual Meeting?
 - Motion to Adjourn Annual Meeting Portion made by Sally Northrop, motion carried.

President's Report

- Please consider volunteering to lead events in December, January, and February to fill the calendar!
- Thank you to Mary Ann Torrez and Cheryl Yursis for your service to our club!
- We have a board position open for "Member at Large." Please contact Guy by Dec. 15th if you are interested in volunteering. Paul Fineberg expressed his interest in this position at the meeting tonight.
- Photo Slide Show – Send your favorite 2025 COTB event pictures to Jerry Schaefer. Jerry's email: geraldjschaefer@gmail.com. These pictures will be shared at the Christmas party.
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest – The Village Grille staff was chosen to select the winner!!!!
- Thank you to our Sponsors! (The Village Grille, Gandrud, Jorns, Bergstrom, Global Recognition)

Website – Access our website (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."
- If you need any assistance with COTB website navigation or "how to use it," see Brian or Tammy Jones.

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Past Runs & Events

- November 22, 2025 – Bus Trip to Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals – Joe Torrez reported between the Garage Session group members and COTB members there were 47 in attendance. Next year, the plan will be to depart from Green Bay, instead of departure from Manitowoc as this year; 55 participants are needed. Additionally, Darrel Burnett, Director of Procurement and Preservation for the Automobile Gallery, reported he was invited to this event to participate as an observational judge. Darrel and the other judges spent two hours evaluating each car to ensure every number was specific to each car, and help achieve the highest award possible, such as the Triple Diamond award. There were over 20,000 people in attendance.

Upcoming Events

- December 10, 2025 – Dinner at Geno's Steakhouse – Cheryl and George Yursis. Roster is full at this time, meet at the restaurant at 5:30 pm.
- January 3, 2026 – Holiday Christmas Party at the Swan Club – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle. Holiday Christmas Party Invitation – Communicated via email. Sign-up continues with today's meeting! Cost is \$25 per person payable to Corvettes of the Bay. Diane Lyman will be collecting through December 2. Over 120 members signed up. There will be 16 door prizes to be given away.

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

- June 24, 2026 - Curative Connections – Pete Bilski - West side Yesteryear Village. A tentative date has been scheduled for this event; Kevin Van Ess to provide entertainment at the east side location as last year.
- August 2, 2026 – IMSA on Sunday – This coincided with the Gandrud car show last year, so in 2026 it will be on Sunday instead of Saturday.

Corvette News:

New Corvette/Modifications/Tech Tips

- Mark Finco reports there was a 1967 Corvette that sold for \$2 million at the Mecum Auction!!!!
- Aluminum Can Tab Update – Gene Blohowiak – In November, 13.89 pounds was collected for a total of 148.35 pounds since July 1.
- Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.
- National Corvette Museum Ambassador Meeting November 9 & 10 – Carol Jacobs – 122 Ambassadors attended from around the country. Members were well treated, they were served lunch, dinner, and detailed information was provided about the museum. The group spent much time in the assembly area. There will be a new gray matte finish color for 2026, and only 199 will be produced. Bring a match box car to the Christmas Party to donate to the kids at the Museum.
- Announcement of Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Winners!
 - Rich Ameen, Patti Vlieger, and Troy Peters won the contest – Congratulations!!!!

Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Patty Edinger, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mary Ann Torrez

Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

Photos from our December 2nd Meeting—what a fun night!!
Ugly Christmas Sweaters were a big hit and put everyone in the holiday spirit!!



2007 Chevrolet Corvette Z51

Owner: Vicki Blahnik

“Atomic Blast”

Atomic Orange “exploded” onto the scene in 2007, as the newest and one of the rarest shades in the Corvette color palette. As a special-order option, a mere 3,790 of the 40,561 Corvettes produced were dressed in this mesmerizing metallic that was only available across model years 2007, '08 and '09. Atomic Orange may not have lasted long-term, but it sure left a lasting impression on Corvettes of the Bay member Vicki Blahnik!

Counter to a Corvette, Vicki was on a mission to buy a Maserati in May 2022, when she and her husband Scott spied this vibrant metallic hue shimmering in the early evening sunlight at Bergstrom Chevrolet of Appleton. “It was a Saturday night” Vicki remembers. “We took it for a test drive, and I came back and told the dealer, “I want this car!” The only thing quicker than Vicki’s decision-making is the car itself. The Z51 performance package pushes the final year LS2 engine into the upper echelon with a 0 – 60 time of 4 seconds flat and a top speed of 186 mph! As beautiful as the symphony of sound exiting the quartet of tailpipes, lifting the hood to see the engine painted in matching Atomic Orange is equally exhilarating.

The combination of 400 spirited horses and 400 lb. ft. of torque makes it impossible to avoid the open road. Vicki and Scott have had an “atomic blast” taking road trips from the edge of Lake Superior in Copper Harbor, Michigan to destinations across the state of Wisconsin. Though Vicki later added 1 of only 3,510 Silver Sebring Corvettes produced in 1999 to her collection, this Atomic Orange C6 is her “go to” for getting there in style.

The trip we enjoyed the most is the one that brought Vicki Blahnik’s unique ’07 Corvette to The Automobile Gallery & Event Center to share with our friends from around the world. The bow it wore the day Vicki picked up her Corvette is symbolic of our gift to you!



“The Automobile Is The Art”
by Wm “Red” Lewis



The Automobile Gallery

FOR SALE

2023 ZO6 Convertible, Red Mist, light grey interior, with 3,700 miles - \$115,000

2005 Silver Roadster, Automatic, Alpine (Fancy) Radio, with 52,000 miles - \$18,999

2003 Yellow Roadster, with 77,000 miles — \$16,999

Trades are always welcome!

If you are interested, please contact **Joe Rabideau** — 920-360-9814

Rabideau's Auto Mart, 1461 W. Mason St., Green Bay

FOR SALE

C-5 Outer parts, complete front to rear

(2) Cars - Yellow or Silver and accessories

If you are interested, please contact **Harry Liebergen** — 920-660-2451



Merry Christmas!



Enjoy the holidays!

Safe travels!

Build a snowman!

Make snow angels!

Corvettes prefer a warm garage to being out in the snow!!!!

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PENNY BARTMAN (DEC 1)
BOBBIE HENDRICKS-PELNAR (DEC 1)
SUE RABIDEAU (DEC 2)
CHRIS BOETTCHER (DEC 7)
KAREN ZIRBEL (DEC 7)
MARK HENDRICKS (DEC 8)
ROCHELLE (ROCKY) HOCKERS (DEC 8)
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MARK DIERCKS (DEC 14)
KURT DE KEYSER (DEC 16)
HEATHER FAKER (DEC 16)
MICKEY KOSIR (DEC 17)
GUY RINGLE (DEC 17)
KATHY OTT (DEC 19)
TONY STEFFEN (DEC 19)
GENE BLOHOWIAK (DEC 23)
KATHY ROHDE (DEC 26)
AMY VAN ITEN (DEC 28)
BARBARA COLLINS (DEC 29)
DELPHINE RICHARDSON-WACH (DEC 29)

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

BRIAN AND TAMMY UHL (DEC 7)



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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS 2025

December 10 Cheryl & George Yursis

2026

January open
February open
March open
April open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

January 3, 2026 - **Holiday Christmas Party**
June 24, 2026 - Curative Connections Visits
July 19, 2026 - Pulaski Polka Days Parade
August 2, 2026 - IMSA Road America

Please think about planning a dinner to fill up the Winter months. 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.

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to sssteffen276@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

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 Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Our club is collecting pop can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please continue saving 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



The Village Grille

1390 Bellevue St.

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