



# Vette Ventures

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

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## Things are looking Green!

### Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I hope the luck of the Irish is with you! Everything is starting to look green, a sure sign it won't be long before our Corvettes can come out of hibernation.

I hope you are getting ready for a fun-filled summer of events and runs that will be sure to put a smile on your face. Thanks to all our event sponsors for creating opportunities for our club to socialize and enjoy our Corvettes.

We are still looking for volunteers to represent our club at the AllouezFest on June 14. If you are willing to set up our club tent for this popular car show and community event, please contact President Guy Ringle.

There are plenty of opportunities remaining to schedule dinner events and runs in the months of March, April and May. Please consider hosting such an event. Your leadership is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that Chris Sherman, owner of TIN Restorations, is scheduled to speak at our April member meeting. We are privileged to have Chris come and share his expertise regarding Corvette restorations.

There are many exciting opportunities to join your club members at events in March and April. Don't forget to sign up for dinner at Rosati's Taproom and Bourbon Bar on March 25 hosted by Brian and Tammy Jones. There's also an event hosted by Sally Northrop, which provides a unique opportunity to visit the Mulva Center on April 9. Please visit our website and event calendar to get a full rundown of upcoming events. You will not want to miss out on all the fun!

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Our club received recognition from the National Corvette Museum for the Hot Wheels/Matchbox car donations that were contributed by our membership. Thanks to Carol Jacobs for coordinating this contribution from our club! (See Attached Letter)

Thankfully, Old Man Winter is coming to an end. This is a great time to make sure your Corvette is ready for the upcoming driving season. Check your tires and batteries and schedule any key maintenance you might have put off last fall. You don't want to be caught behind the line waiting to get in for service. I encourage you to visit our contributing sponsors and let them make sure your Corvette is ready to go!

Until next month, enjoy the excitement of preparation. I'm sure we will start seeing more Corvettes come out of hibernation by the time of our next meeting. We have already witnessed our first sighting of a Corvette in the parking lot at our March meeting. Congratulations to Ed Wallander for being the first one this year!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle  
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Dear Corvettes of the Bay,

Thank you for your gift-in-kind to the National Corvette Museum. Your generosity allows us to fulfill the Museum's mission to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette—America's Sports Car—through collection, preservation, and celebration of its legacy. We are so grateful for your support!

Annually we recognize our donors of \$1,000 or more in a special donor issue of *America's Sports Car*. Donors making a gift or multiple gifts totaling \$1,000 or greater for each calendar year will also receive an invitation to the *Donor Recognition Dinner* held annually during the Michelin NCM Bash.

Please visit us when you can and let us know if we can be of assistance. Feel free to contact our department at 270.770.9530 or via email at [development@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:development@corvettemuseum.org).

Thank you again for your support of the National Corvette Museum!

Sincerely,

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**Corvettes of the Bay – Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**March 3, 2026**  
**The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI**

**Call to Order & Welcome** – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 69 members in attendance.

**Motion to Approve February Meeting Minutes** – President Guy called for a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Monica Fineberg, motion carried.

**Membership Announcements**

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance –

- Jared Lewins - C4 in Red
- Scott Coleman - 2008 Silver Corvette

**President's Report**

- We are looking for a club member to set up the COTB tent and coordinate our club's involvement in the following three events:
  - June 14 – AllouezFest - Need a coordinator to set up tent and represent the club. Without a volunteer, the club may skip participation this year.
  - June 20 – Red Lewis Car Show – George Yursis volunteered.
  - Summer Party – Rick and Sally Northrop volunteered.
- Thank you letter from National Corvette Museum for the Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars donation. The museum recognized the club for contributions over \$1,000. Carol noted: "They get a lot of thank you letters from the children... and then they forward those on to the Corvette Club." The museum is providing two free memberships, which will be used as summer party door prizes.
- Please consider volunteering to lead events in March, April and May to fill the calendar!
- We will continue to have our meetings at The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street location. Thank you, Kathy Proctor!
- Chris Sherman, originally scheduled for this month, will instead speak in April due to other commitments. He is the owner of TIN Restorations; Chris specializes in the restoration of 1953–1962 Corvettes and is a lead judge for the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals. He is also involved in numerous other automotive restoration activities and is recognized nationally and internationally within the hobby. The club looks forward to welcoming him.

**Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman**

- Member count – 226 members.
- Diane reviewed the status of the club's assets and sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards.
- President Guy called for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was made by Elizabeth Kelling, motion carried.

**Website** – Access [corvettesofthebay.org](http://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.

- 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 15 – Hotel Seymour Valentine's Dinner – Guy and Elizabeth would like to thank everyone who joined them for dinner. There were 33 club members at the event, and many commented on the excellent food and great service provided by the supper club. We appreciate Hotel Seymour for hosting our club and their generous donation of four \$25 gift certificates that were drawn as door prizes. It was a fun evening, and a good time was had by all!
- February 26 – Lunch at Luigi's – Luann Poll hosted and had 30 people attend the event.

## Upcoming Runs & Events

- March 7 – Shamrock Craft Beer Invitational – Darrel Burnett – Event is from 2-6 pm at The Automobile Gallery. Sample craft beers from more than 20 top breweries in the region. Enjoy a tasty brat and listen to some live Irish music by the talented Gerry Sloan, all while viewing nearly 80 stunning classic cars. Tickets still available.
- March 25 – Rosati’s Taproom – Tammy and Brian Jones – Drinks at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Full menu will be available. We have a limit of 50 people, and 36 have signed up so far. This will be located in the Taproom and Bourbon Bar.
- April 9 – Mulva Center Tour – Sally and Rick Northrop – Pay \$3 to tour the Mulva Center and have the opportunity to watch some of their films and see their Genghis Khan event. Sally has a sign-up sheet, or reach out if interested.
- May 7 – Teacher Appreciation Run - Chuck Templer - Partnering with Lombardi Middle School, seeking approximately 15 cars. More info to come. **(Editor’s note: This event has been canceled.)**
- May 14 – Breakfast Run – Sally and Rick Northrop – Mark your calendar! More details to come.
- May 21 – The Northwoods Run – Al Bloniarz – Run up to Iron Mountain, MI. Tony Steffen volunteered to assist with the run. We will meet up with Al and Paul Fineberg in Niagara, WI and then proceed to Iron Mountain. We will visit Systems Control for a tour and includes a free lunch and a participation gift. More details to come, so watch your email.
- May 25 – De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade – Gene and Linda Blohowiak – Jim Pyle stated that he is working with the parade committee to arrange parking for the Corvettes inside the park.
- June 4-6 – Corvette Adventures – Paul Fineberg – Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells – Brochures are available or go to [CorvetteAdventures.com](http://CorvetteAdventures.com) for more information. Paul has volunteered to lead our folks from Green Bay to the Dells area. Please see the Events Tab on the website for more details and reach out to Paul if interested.
- June 7 – Diamonds & Gold’s Cruise-In – Dan Terrien
- June 13 – Scavenger Hunt – Jerry Schaefer –The event will feature two teams competing against each other. More to come.
- June 14 – AllouezFest - TBD
- June 20 – Red Lewis Community Car Show – George Yursis
- June 24 – Curative Connections – Pete Bilski – This is all set up for west side Yesteryear Village. Kevin Van Ess is providing entertainment at the east side location as well. Going to the Pearly Gates after.
- June 26 – Cool City Cruise – Joe Flegel – Details will be available by the May meeting.
- June 27 – Ride with the Lights – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle – More information will be provided but will be similar to last year. It’s a police-guided ride where you get to go through controlled intersections with lights flashing. Will be online registration.
- July ? – Pulaski Polka Days Parade – Rick Northrop – Still waiting to confirm the date, and Rick will try to bring in a guest speaker for more information.
- July 31 – IMSA event – Pete Bilski – The date has changed. Corvette team will be available for us for about an hour.
- August 1– Gandrud Auto Show – Gene and Linda Blohowiak
- August 27-29 – Paul Fineberg – Going to Corvettes of Carlisle in Pennsylvania with a two-day drive there. Plan to depart on Sunday morning for the two-day return home. <https://carlisleevents.com> Please see email for details. If anyone is interested in driving there, please reach out to Paul.
- September 26 – Copper Harbor Fall Color Ride – Paul Fineberg – We will do another run to Copper Harbor from Green Bay to Houghton (overnight) and then to Copper Harbor. Meet at the Shell Station off of Highway 41. Will plan on the Mount Bohemia Ski Lift again. Please see email for details and contact Paul if interested.
- Any additional COTB events? Looking for volunteers to organize more monthly dinner runs. Contact Sally Steffen ([ssteffen276@gmail.com](mailto:ssteffen276@gmail.com)) to have details of your event sent to club members.

## **Corvette News:**

### **New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips**

- Ed Wallander picked up his 2024 2LT Convertible Hard Top in Sea Wolf Gray.
- Paul Fineberg got aluminum air vents that reduce engine and trunk temps. He purchased them from a company out of Nashville. Reach out to Paul for more information.
- Aluminum Can Tab Update – Rick and Sally Northrop are collecting this month.
- Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.
  - Need cars for October or November.
- Any additional topics?

### **Adjournment Motion and Approval**

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Elizabeth Kelling, meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Please buy Scrip (Gas Cards and Car Wash Cards) from Diane after the meeting. Thank you!

*Tammy Jones*

*Corvettes of the Bay Secretary*

### **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.

In February we collected 8.1 pounds.  
Our total for the year (since July 2025) 162.03 pounds.

Great job everyone!!

# Aerodynamics Made Easy(er)?

## Part 1 By Jerry Schaefer

Remember when you were a kid and you stuck your hand out the window of a moving car and played “airplane?” If you tilted the leading edge of your hand up, your arm suddenly would lift upwards! If you tilted your hand down, your whole arm would be instantly pushed downwards! You would do this a bunch of times validating the effect until a parent would yell “get your arm back in the car - idiot!”

Little did you know it at the time, but you just conducted your first experiment in **aerodynamics** specifically in **Lift** and **Downforce**. Aerodynamics is the study of how gases interact with moving objects. This phenomenon was explained way back in a 1738 masterpiece, *Hydrodynamica* by the Swiss physicist and mathematician, Daniel Bernoulli. But it would take over 200 years before this concept would be applied to automobiles! Jim Hall in 1966 designed the first use of a wing on a Chaparral race car to drastically improve handling by the use of aerodynamic theory and they were unbeatable. Soon, everyone was experimenting with aerodynamics!



Little did you know then that later in life you would be pondering questions like, what “spoiler” do I want on my Vette? Do I really want that big wing or the more subtle ducktail? Is the Z07 aero package just for looks or does it actually do something the way I am going to drive? What am I getting for that option’s price tag?

Well, rest assured, like anything in the sports car universe there is no single answer for these questions, but there are some basics that can help explain what these features do for performance as well as their good looks. Let’s start with some simple concepts...

**There are two basic aerodynamic forces, Drag and Lift.** Drag is the forced air exerts against the car as it moves while Lift is the perpendicular force exerted by the air on the car. Lift can be either positive lift that makes airplanes fly (upward force) and negative lift that's called downforce that pushes a car against the pavement.

**Air is a Fluid** resisting your car’s efforts to push through it. When driving a car, the engine’s horsepower is working to overcome friction in the working parts of the engine and car’s suspension against the roadway, but mostly it is working very hard to plow through the air. This is exactly like the resistance when swimming in a pool. The air (or fluid) is resisting the car slicing through it by nature of the air’s inertia to stay in one place. The more streamlined your body, the easier it is to swim (imagine swimming with clothes on versus an Olympic style swimsuit and cap)! The air moves in a **laminar** or smooth, layered flow very close to the body surfaces but quickly becomes turbulent just fractions of an inch away from the surface! The air has a sticking effect (friction) on the surface and creates a drag or a pulling force in opposite direction of the car. However, the smooth or laminar flow over a car body has a much less horsepower drain than turbulent flow. Sit tight for a bit, because here comes some science, but it will be worth it - promise!

**The Force of Drag (Fd)** is basically an object's velocity (v) squared multiplied by its drag coefficient (Cd) and its frontal area (A) pushing against the direction it is travelling. That is, the force your engine is working to overcome is more accurately stated as

$$F_d = \frac{1}{2} \rho (\text{Velocity})^2 C_d \cdot \text{Area. } \rho \text{ is the density of the air.}$$

Note that the force is much higher when the density of the medium increases, like water for example.

**Velocity is HUGE on Drag effects!** When you're travelling at a very low speed, say 35 miles per hour, your engine isn't working hard to push the air around it. But at 70 mph the drag increases substantially (exponentially!) to **four times** than at 35 mph!!! In other words, the faster you go the more force is required by the square of the speed, more so than any other variable. So, the only thing engineers can control or design into a car is make it more slippery (Cd) and to lower the cross-sectional area of the car (A), then we are able to free up that horsepower of the engine to make the car's top speed go even faster.

**Drag coefficient (Cd)** - depends on a lot of factors, some of which are the object's overall shape, its surface roughness, and speed it is travelling. A brick has an awful drag coefficient of 1.0 while a teardrop is nearly perfectly smooth at 0.05. A simple change to the drag coefficient from 0.3 to a 0.25 can mean a 1 mpg change so it can mean a lot into the design of more fuel efficient cars especially as we progressively travel at faster speeds and more frequently. It is why some cars like a Prius look so weird like puff-erfish, rolling down the road, it has a low Cd!

**Drag Area (Cd\*A)** – This is a means to really compare cars "dragginess" to each other. Y simply multiply these two factors together and look for the lower number. This means a larger but slipperier vehicle can have less drag than a smaller but boxier car and be a better overall performer. Most modern cars have a drag coefficient somewhere between 0.25 and 0.35 with SUV's and trucks are around 0.3 and 0.4. For example, take a look at these Corvette values of Cd and their cross-sectional areas:

Corvette Gen	Cd	Frontal Area (A) m <sup>2</sup>	CD*A	Comments
C1	0.55	2.04	1.122	
C2	0.49	1.77	0.867	V. High front end lift at high speeds!
C3	0.44	1.79	0.788	Closed Headlights!
C4	0.34	1.79	0.609	Super long 64° windshield rake! Good!
C5	0.29	1.95	0.566	Closed Headlights!
C6	0.28	2.07	0.580	
C7	0.30	2.02	0.606	
C8	0.32	2.08	0.666	
C8 Z07	0.37	2.10	0.777	High wing, front splitter, dive planes, underbody strakes, wide body & tires.
F1 Race Car	0.70	2.00	1.400	WHAT? Why so much drag?

The C5 and C6 were the slipperiest corvettes made and their cross-sectional areas are quite low, so their Drag Areas are very good. Hence, they had a lot of success in IMSA races.

But why does a F1 car with its sleek, low slung design have such a high Drag Area? This doesn't seem to make sense? Or does it?

**Next Month let's look at how these aerodynamic principles can be manipulated to improve race car (our corvette's) performance!**

**Jerry Schaefer**

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

### 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board Member - Paul Fineberg

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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GREG ROHDE (MAR 30)

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

### DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

**2026**

### ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

March 25 Tammy/Brian Jones  
April open  
May 14 (breakfast) Sally/Rick Northrop  
June open  
July open

### ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

March 7 - Shamrock Craft Beer Invitational at Auto Gallery  
April 9 - Mulva Center Tour  
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August 1 - Gandrud Auto Show  
August 27-29 - Corvettes of Carlisle, PA  
September 26-27 - Fall Run to Copper Harbor

Please think about planning a lunch or dinner to fill up the Winter/Spring months. We would love to have several events each month.

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.

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

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.

### 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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