



# Vette Ventures

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

**MAY 2026**



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**Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,**

Our riding season finally arrived! While the cold weather still hangs on, we officially had our first club run of the year! A group of 14 cars took part in the Breakfast Run to McGuire's Bar and Grill in Lena to officially start our riding season. Thanks to our ride hosts, Sally and Rick Northrop.

Looking forward, there are more exciting events on our calendar for the remainder of May. There are still some limited spots open to join The Northwoods Run to Iron Mountain sponsored by Al Bloniarz on May 21. You can also sign up for the Cherry Blossom Run to Door County on May 23 planned by Elizabeth and Gary Kelling. And don't forget the De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade on May 25 when Corvettes of the Bay participation is being coordinated by Gene and Linda Blohowiak.

Our club had the honor of hearing Chris Sherman present at our May member meeting. Chris is the owner of TIN Restorations located in Plano, Illinois. He is also the lead judge for C1 Corvettes Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Triple Diamond Award. Chris entertained us with stories of some of the car restorations he has been involved with. Chris described the attention to detail that is needed to attain the Triple Diamond Award. We also enjoyed hearing about the history of the C1 and some of the original Corvettes that were produced. I would like to thank Darrel Burnett for arranging to have Chris speak to our club!

We are fortunate to have several events to look forward to in June. Please look at our website to see the complete list. I do want to highlight three events that I think you will find very enjoyable.

On June 13, the Corvettes of the Bay Road Rally, planned by Jerry Schaefer, Patti Vlieger, and Carol Jacobs, promises to be a day of fun! This is "not" a scavenger hunt, so don't be afraid that you would have to "think" too hard to participate. They plan to end the day with dinner at Gib's on the Lake, so good food and a great view are guaranteed!

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On June 24, there is a trip to Curative Connections organized by Pete Bilski. You will enjoy learning about all the great things happening at these two locations. Plus, provide the Curative Connection residents with some joy of seeing our cars. Those on the run will be stopping for a late lunch at Pearly Gates Bar and Grill.

Then on June 27, the Ride With The Lights will take place again this year. Corvettes of the Bay participation will be coordinated by Guy and Elizabeth Ringle. This year's event honors the 312 Wisconsin law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty across the state of Wisconsin. You will not want to miss the moving ceremony planned that morning before departure. Online registration (<https://police-lights-of-christmas.square.site>) is suggested prior to the event to contribute the \$40 donation required per vehicle. Please email Elizabeth Ringle after you have completed your online registration at ([elizabeth.vieau.1@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.vieau.1@gmail.com)), so we know that you are joining us.

We are always looking for additional club members to plan and lead events. As Sally Steffen noted at our April meeting, we welcome your suggestions on the types of events you'd like to see. If you have ideas for social activities or events you would like to see added to our club event calendar, please send your suggestions to Sally before our next meeting. We will share these suggestions and hope that something on the list will trigger your interest in hosting a future event.

Corvettes of the Bay Summer Party will take place on July 25. Our destination will be a ride to Primal Eats, Gillett, Wisconsin. A fee of \$15 per participant is due to Diane Lyman by July 7. Special thanks to Rick and Sally Northrop for leading this year's event!

Until next month, enjoy the open road and soak up the sunshine!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle  
President  
Corvettes of the Bay

## Summer Party at Primal Eats - July 25

If you would like to attend our summer party, the cost is \$15 per person, and you can pay at our monthly meetings or send your check to:

Corvettes of the Bay  
PO Box 13122  
Green Bay, WI 54307-3122

Keep in mind that payment must be received **by July 7**. Once your payment is received, your name will be put on the attendance list.

Thank you!

**Corvettes of the Bay – Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2026**  
**The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI**

**Call to Order & Welcome** – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, with 99 members and guests in attendance.

**Motion to Approve April Meeting Minutes** – President Guy called for a motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Tony Steffen, motion carried.

### **Membership Announcements**

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

- Tom Seering—His dad was a COTB member some years ago, and Tom inherited his dad’s 2008 Corvette. He attended the meeting to see what the club is all about.
- Chris Sherman, owner of TIN Restorations, and tonight’s guest speaker.
- Ron Ciaglia, with TIN Restorations and an official NCRS judge and Triple Diamond judge at MCACN.

### **President’s Report**

- With great sadness we remembered the passing of club member, **Ron Wach**, with a moment of silence. President Guy also read a thank you note from Ron’s family for our card and gift of money.
- Let’s keep the momentum going and fill the calendar with more dinner runs!
- Sharing suggestions for future runs that were collected from last meeting was delayed to the June meeting due to allowing extra time for tonight’s guest speaker.
- Reminder to sign up for the July 25th COTB Summer Party at Primal Eats **by July 7th**. Pay \$15 per person to Diane Lyman.
- We will continue to have our meetings at The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street location.

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

- Member count – 229 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 Sally Northrop, motion carried.

### **Guest Speaker, Chris Sherman**

Darrel Burnett, Director of Curation and Restoration for The Automobile Gallery and a COTB member, introduced Chris Sherman as tonight’s guest speaker. Chris is the owner of TIN Restorations in Plano, IL, specializing in world class restorations of 1953-1962 Corvettes. He is also a lead judge for the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Triple Diamond Award and the lead judge for C1 Corvettes at MCACN. The story was told that he started taking apart Fisher-Price toys at age 2, so it’s no wonder he still loves taking things apart! After talking about some of his restorations and showing slides, he took questions from the attendees and provided interesting and knowledgeable feedback. More information about Chris can be found on the Internet, Facebook and Instagram.

### **Past Runs & Events**

- April 13 – Mulva Cultural Center Tour – **Sally & Rick Northrop** – The tour was fantastic, including going to the lower level to see the equipment that keeps the center running and how exhibits are brought into the building.
- April 24 – Mountain Bay Pub and Grill, Pulaski– **Sally & Tony Steffen** – Forty people attended, and the buffet was wonderful, with the food being refreshed constantly.

**Upcoming Runs & Events** – Go to our website's Events page for more details: [corvettesofthebay.org](http://corvettesofthebay.org)

- May 7 – Breakfast Run to McGuire's Bar and Grill, Lena – **Sally & Rick Northrop**. Meeting at 9 am, driving directly to the restaurant, but taking a more circuitous drive back home, with a surprise stop on the way.
- May 16 – Festa Italiana – **Darrel Burnett**. There will be over \$300 million worth of cars at The Automobile Gallery for this event.
- May 17 - Vyper Industrial Cars and Coffee – Vyper Industrial is launching their first Vyper Cars & Coffee from 9 am–12 pm at Vyper HQ in Kaukauna. Check our website's [Community](#) Events for more information.
- May 17 - Black Sheep Pub Car Show, Bay Settlement – Mentioned by **Mike Golla**.
- May 20 – **Tom & Cathy Harrison**. Help the American Legion place flags on 3,000 graves at the Allouez Cemetery at 8 am. Flags will then be collected on Tuesday, May 26, 8 am.
- May 21 – The Northwoods Run – **Al Bloniarz**. Still room for a few more participants.
- May 23 – Cherry Blossom Run, Door County – **Elizabeth & Gary Kelling**. Sign up by May 8. Two additional menu items: Chicken can be added at extra cost to the Door County Salad, and a gluten-free bun can be substituted for a regular bun, also at extra cost.
- May 25 – De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade – **Gene & Linda Blohowiak**. We have 14 cars so far and would like to have more. Need to let organizers know the number of cars participating by May 6.
- June 3 – Pie Run - **Sally & Rick Northrop**. Back by popular demand! We'll leave at 1:30 pm from the Shell station by Maplewood Meats and head to OJ's in Gillett. Space is limited to 18 people. Text Sally Northrop at 920-660-4793 to reserve a spot. **(Editor's note: This run is already FULL.)**
- June 4-6 – Corvette Adventures – **Paul & Monica Fineberg**
- June 7 – Diamonds & Gold's Cruise-In – **Dan Terrien**
- June 7 – 55th Annual Trip Around the Lake – **TBD – need a sponsor**.
- June 13 – Road Rally – **Jerry Schaefer/Carol Jacobs/Patti Vlieger**. This is a Road Rally, not a Scavenger Hunt. Sign up by June 6. Wear your "spy" clothing! Rain date is June 20.
- June 14 – AllouezFest – **Greg Rohde**
- June 20 – Red Lewis Community Car Show – **George Yursis** will set up our club tent.
- June 24 – Curative Connections – **Pete Bilski**. Looking for more cars. Curative Connections really appreciates our participation, as it makes a real impact on their members.
- June 26 – Cool City Cruise – **Joe Flegel**
- June 27 – Ride With The Lights – **Elizabeth & Guy Ringle**. The ride will be from Green Bay to Calumet County and will include a special tribute to Wisconsin's 312 fallen officers. Flyers were available on each table.
- July 11 – Pie Run - **Sally & Rick Northrop**. Details same as June 3. **(Editor's note: This run is already FULL.)**

The following events were not covered due to running short on time, but will be covered next month.

- July 15-18 – Black Hills Corvette Classic – **Dan Brunmeier**
- July 19 – Pulaski Polka Days Parade – **Jim Pyle**
- July 25 – COTB Summer Party – **Sally & Rick Northrop**
- July 31 – IMSA event – **Pete Bilski**
- August 1 – Gandrud Auto Show – **Gene & Linda Blohowiak**
- August 15 – Algoma Shanty Days – **Marty & Sherry LaFond**
- August 27-29 – Corvettes of Carlisle – **Paul & Monica Fineberg**
- September 26-27 – Copper Harbor Fall Color Ride – **Paul & Monica Fineberg**
- January 2, 2027 – COTB Holiday Christmas Party – **Elizabeth & Guy Ringle**

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
- Aluminum Can Tab Update – **Gene Blohowiak**. We collected 6.24 pounds in April, for a grand total of 173.56 pounds since July 1, 2025.
- Contact **Dan Terrien** if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.
- Any additional topics?
  - Greg Rohde mentioned he would like to give away two COTB shirts that belonged to Ron Rozmarynoski. They are 50th Anniversary shirts, referencing 1974-2024, size large, with the name “Ron” embroidered on them! Let him know if you are interested.

### Adjournment Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for a motion, motion made by Monica Fineberg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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

*Submitted by Diane Lyman and Sally Steffen*

*Board Members*

## **Get Your Motor Running on Over to the COTB 2026 Road Rally !**

- \* **Two Lakeshores to cruise along!**
- \* **Help Your Team Win with your driving skills and Keen Eye for Detail!**
- \* **Prizes!**
- \* **Every Participant gets a Rally Poster!**
- \* **Dinner at Gibs on the Lakeshore**
- \* **Surprise Stop on the Route!**

**Saturday June 13 - Details TBA**  
**Sign up with Patti Vlieger @**  
**[pvlieger@ymail.com](mailto:pvlieger@ymail.com)**



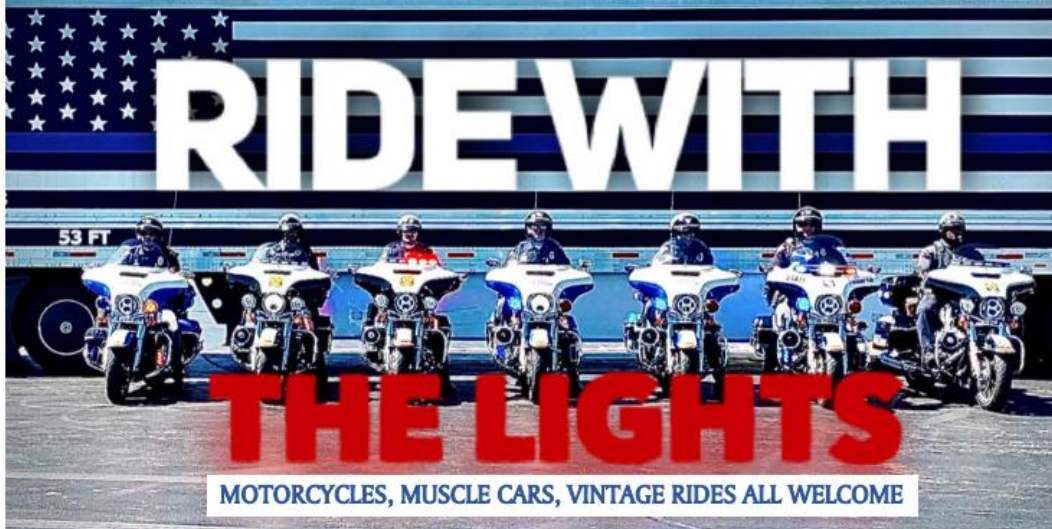
# THE 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RIDE WITH THE LIGHTS

Ride alongside our law enforcement officers in this awesome show of support!  
All money raised from the day will get turned into gift cards for our officers to use to help neighbors in need that they encounter while on patrol

A Very Patriotic Send Off – 11am  
250 Years of America's Heroes!

Law Enforcement Heroes, Brat Fry, Raffles, Star  
Cars, and a performance by the Blues Brothers!

June 27<sup>th</sup> 2026



PRE-REGISTER ONLINE



[www.lightsofchristmas.us](http://www.lightsofchristmas.us)  
**\$40 To Register a Vehicle &  
"Ride With the Lights"**

Day of Registration: 9:30-11am – Start Your Engines: 11:30am

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Leaving out of the BROWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE in Green Bay and ending at the CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE in Chilton! Follow our social media pages for up-to-date details and info:

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## Back The Blue...Help A Neighbor In Need

### General Website Information

You can 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.

We encourage having your photo on our roster as a way for members to "put a face with a name" and get to know each other. 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" for a listing of things that have been done in the past.

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

### 2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Guy Ringle  
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Board Member - Sally Steffen  
Board Member - Paul Fineberg

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

CONNIE BLOEDEL (MAY 6)  
MARILYN MOORE (MAY 8)  
PAT CONNORS (MAY 12)  
WILLIAM DEVRIES (MAY 12)  
GLORIA FELD (MAY 14)  
DEB BOETTCHER (MAY 15)  
GINA BARTH (MAY 16)  
JOSEPH TORREZ (MAY 16)  
PETE BILSKI (MAY 19)  
KEITH DAHLKE (MAY 20)  
AL BLONIARZ (MAY 22)  
DAVID BOETTCHER (MAY 22)

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

RON AND DEE BELSCHNER (MAY 1)  
MIKE AND CATHY REKITZKE (MAY 2)  
MARTY AND SHERRY LAFOND (MAY 5)  
DEAN AND TERESA KANE (MAY 30)

### DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

**2026**

### ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

May 7 (breakfast) Sally/Rick Northrop	open
May 23 Elizabeth/Gary Kelling	
June 3 (Pie) Sally/Rick Northrop	open
July 11 (Pie) Sally/Rick Northrop	open

### ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

May 16 - Festa Italiana at The Auto Gallery  
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**January 2, 2027 - COTB Holiday Christmas Party**

Please think about planning a lunch or dinner to fill up the calendar. 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!

## 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.

### 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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## Meeting Location



The Village Grille

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