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The Newsletter of the Corvettes of the Bay Car Club

November 2026



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So Much to be Thankful For!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

The leaves have fallen, there's frost on the pumpkin, and many of our Corvettes are tucked away for the winter. November is a wonderful time to reflect on the past year and all we have to be thankful for.

Our club reached a record 249 members this year. A warm welcome to everyone who joined us—we're glad you're part of Corvettes of the Bay!

Members had 48 opportunities to enjoy our Corvettes together in 2026. Six of these events included overnight stays. As I've said before, our club thrives when we share our passion by driving our Corvettes together. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to lead an event this year. Let's keep that momentum going! Imagine the possibilities if every dual-member household led just one event—we could have more than 100 opportunities to enjoy our cars together next year!

I'm also grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside the members of our Corvettes of the Bay Board. Together, we accomplished a great deal this year:

- Reached a record membership level
- Maintained strong budget performance
- Increased the number of events available to members
- Moved club records to electronic media
- Improved website security
- Updated new-member documents and posted them on our website
- Redesigned and updated the Member of the Year display
- Maintained strong attendance at our monthly meetings

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Please take a moment to thank this year's board members when you see them:

President: Guy Ringle
Vice President: Brian Jones
Treasurer: Diane Lyman
Secretary: Tammy Jones
Members at Large: Elizabeth Ringle, Sally Steffen, and Paul Fineberg

I'm also thankful to the members who have agreed to serve on next year's board. Greg Rohde will be our new president. I hope you'll give Greg and the new board the same support you've given me.

Looking ahead, Luann Poll is leading a Mystery Run on December 5. If your Corvette is already put away, you're welcome to bring your daily driver.

Please remember to sign up for our Holiday Christmas Party on January 2. The $25 per person cost includes a family-style meal at the Swan Club and live entertainment by Daddy D Productions. The sign-up deadline is December 1. Payment may be mailed to Corvettes of the Bay or given to Diane Lyman at our December meeting.

It's also time to renew your annual membership. Diane Lyman is the contact for 2027 membership renewals.

Our annual meeting will be held December 1 during our regular monthly members meeting. We'll present the proposed 2027 budget.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you in December!

Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay – Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2026

The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI.

Call to Order & Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm with 70 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes- President Guy called for a motion to approve the October minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, second by Jerry Schaefer, motion carried.

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance?

- There were no new members in attendance.

President's Report

- Let's keep the momentum going and fill the event calendar. The club is looking for more dinner runs or events, especially in November and December. Please consider stepping up to add some fun into our calendar.
- Time to sign up for the Holiday Christmas Party scheduled for January 2, 2027. Enjoy family-style chicken and tenderloin tips at the Swan Club in De Pere along with a live performance by Daddy D Productions. $25 per person. See Diane Lyman to reserve your spot. December 1 is the final day to sign up.
- Member of the Year nominations to Brian Jones (Vice President) at brianj51@gmail.com or 920-471-7602 by November 13. Please include details of qualifications for consideration with your nomination.
- Don't forget to pay your 2027 membership dues. Please pay your dues ($30 for single, $40 for dual) to Diane Lyman or send your check to Corvettes of the Bay, P.O. Box 13122, Green Bay, WI 54307-3122.
- Get additional meeting topics to Guy before next month's meeting.
- I would like to recognize and thank the following board members for their service and accomplishments!
  - President – Guy Ringle
  - Vice President – Brian Jones
  - Treasurer – Diane Lyman, who is staying on for her 3rd and final year
  - Secretary – Tammy Jones
  - Member at Large – Elizabeth Ringle
  - Member at Large – Sally Steffen
  - Member at Large – Paul Fineberg
- Board Accomplishments:
  - Club membership hit record level – 249. The board was successful in attracting new members, keeping a strong event calendar, and having many people willing to lead runs.
  - Club finances have stayed strong. Thank you, Diane Lyman, for your oversight as our treasurer.
  - The number and variety of events scheduled have grown over the last three years. This year we had 48 events open to the club that members led. Six of these were overnight events, which is higher than recent years. We would like to keep this momentum going for next year. If each couple led one event, we would have 102 options.
  - Club records were moved to electronic cloud media. Thank you, Brian Jones, for your efforts in accomplishing this.
  - Website security updated. Brian accomplished this as well.
  - New Member Welcome Documents updated and moved online. Thank you, Elizabeth Ringle, for your efforts in getting this accomplished.
  - Outstanding Member(s) of the Year Display redesigned. This project is nearing completion. This display helps people learn about our club when they visit The Automobile Gallery. In addition, having the QR code on our plaque will hopefully encourage more new members. Thanks to President Guy Ringle for leading this effort.

  - Participation in monthly meetings was outstanding. Meetings were well attended this year. Thank you to The Village Grille for offering this venue free of charge for us. We continue to support them by purchasing food and drinks prior to the meeting.
- Guy's words of encouragement: *"Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy."*
  - If you want this club to continue to succeed, consider ways to give something back
  - Volunteer to serve on the board
  - Volunteer to lead and organize events. There are several people willing to help if you are new to this
  - Be an active supporter by participating in events

- Reminder our annual meeting is December 1 at our monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

- Member count - 249
- Diane reviewed the status of the club's assets and expenses.
- Diane still has Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards. There are eight old cards left for $30 each, new cards will be $35.
- Remember to buy Scrip cards (members pay face value for these cards and our club earns 10% on the Shell gas cards and $10 on each Kwik Trip car wash card).
- Annual dues should be paid by the January meeting.
- President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Kathy Rohde, second by Rick Northrop, motion carried.

Past Runs & Events

- Oct 18 – Run to Wolf and Fox Winery – **Gary and Elizabeth Kelling –** Six cars total.
- Oct 20 – Fall Color Run – **Chuck and Chris Templer -** The day started a little foggy but cleared up. The group had a color tour of Brown, Shawano, and Outagamie Counties. There were 32 members in 16 cars that ended at D2 in Hobart. D2 would be a wonderful place to do a dinner run to, and the manager showed them around.
- Oct 24 – Fall Color Cruise with Valley Vettes – Lance Zuleger led nine vehicles total, five from Valley Vettes and four from our club. They stopped for lunch in New Holstein, and most of the Valley Vettes left after lunch. The event ended in Slinger, with no cars going on to Whitewater. Lance would like to do more with our club in the future.
- Oct 28 – Hotel Seymour Dinner Run – **George and Cheryl Yursis -** There were 25 people total. There was a short run on the way there. Good food, good people, and a good time was had by all. Everyone made it home to see the Brewers win.

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.
- December 5 – Mystery Run – **Luann Poll -** There will be a surprise planned. There are 15 spots remaining due to a limit at the first stop. This will be followed by lunch and another stop. Linda and Gene Blohowiak will lead from GB to Athelstane.
- Joe Torrez - Car Sessions will have a group bus from Two Rivers at the 310 park and ride, Nov 22 at 6:30 am, headed to Chicago. You can pay Doug at the Saturday morning group breakfast at Village Grille at 8:30 am. The cost is $35 for the bus ride.
- January 2, 2027 – COTB Holiday Christmas Party **– Elizabeth and Guy Ringle**
- Sally and Rick Northrop will once again do something at Mackinaws Grill at end of January or beginning of February – TBD.
- 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 club members.

Corvette News

- New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips - Rick Northrop told the club how he hurt himself helping his grandson with his 1982 Vette while unloading it from the trailer. They are going to fix the fuel injection and put it back together as a good learning experience.
- Aluminum Can Tab Update – **Gene Blohowiak –** Last year at this time we had 22.46 pounds, last meeting we collected 5.58 pounds, bringing the year-to-date total to 57.24 pounds.
- Contact **Dan Terrien** if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery**.** Gary Paul had his 2005 C6 displayed in late summer, Ron & Linda Bringe's Grand Sport is displayed through December 1, and Cliff Naef will be after that. The Gallery is currently looking for cars to display in 2027.
- Any additional topics?
  - Guy Ringle is asking our sponsors for donations that can be used as door prizes to be awarded to our members at the Holiday Christmas Party. If any members would like to donate any door prizes, please contact Guy and Elizabeth Ringle.
  - New board members - At the November 16 meeting, the new board members are invited to see the board process. The handoff should go smoothly. The meeting is currently scheduled for 5:30 pm at The Village Grille on Hoffman Road.

Adjournment Motion and Approval

President Guy called for a motion, motion made by Dan Brunmeier, second by George Yursis, meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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

Submitted by Amy Dorner

General Website Information

You can access **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.

2017 C7 Corvette
Grand Sport

Corvettes of the Bay
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Owners: Ron & Linda Bringe

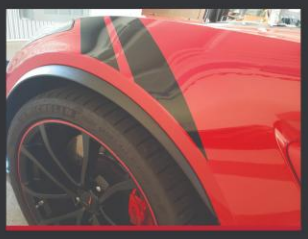
1 of 1,208 Torch Red 2017 Grand Sports!

The prestige of wearing the Grand Sport name is the Corvette equivalent of being Secretariat's grandson. In 1963, Chevrolet's Director of High-Performance Vehicles Dr. Zora Arkus-Duntov orchestrated the clandestine development of 5 Sting Ray prototypes for the express purpose of slaying Carroll Shelby's Cobra and Enzo's Ferraris on international racetracks. The combination of wafer-thin fiberglass bodies stuffed with 550-horsepower V8s proved lethal in the hands of racing royalty like A.J. Foyt, Jim Hall, and Roger Penske. Dr. Duntov's Grand Sports destroyed the competition just as corporate executives were destroying GM's racing program. Despite its demoralizing demise, the Grand Sport's domination inspired innovation.





A.J. Foyt & 1963 Grand Sport at Sebring





6.2-Liter OHV LT1 V8



Rare 7-Speed Manual

Corvettes of the Bay members Ron and Linda Bringe's Torch Red 2017 C7 Grand Sport celebrates the 4th generation Grand Sport whose production life spanned 2017 - 2019. Of the total production run of 32,728 Corvettes in 2017, this is 1 of only 9,912 Grand Sport Coupes. While tamer than its 1963 race-only ancestor, the front fender hash marks are a menacing reminder of the rebellion built into this brute. Just think of this Grand Sport as a Z06 sans supercharger. The naturally aspirated 6.2-Liter OHV LT1 V8 renders a thrill ride to shake the senses!

Grand Sport Performance

- Horsepower – 460
- Torque – 465 lb. ft.
- 0 – 60 – 3.8 Seconds
- ¼-Mile – 12.2 Seconds @ 116 mph
- Top Speed – 181 – 190 mph

This Grand Sport does more than fill big shoes, it wears them too. The Z06's race-ready Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires provide superior cornering and control. The Grand Sport also shares the Z06's aerodynamics, wide-body stance, rear fenders, front air splitter, and Brembo brakes with functional cooling ducts. Interior appointments are equally illustrious. The Jet Black leather interior stands out as 1 of only 3,863 Grand Sports dressed in the Z15 Heritage Package. The thoroughbred bloodlines in Ron and Linda Bringe's gorgeous Grand Sport prove that sometimes....history is worth repeating!

"The Automobile Is The Art"
by Wm "Red" Lewis

The Automobile Gallery
& Event Center





$25 per person

Please make payment to:
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Or give payment to our club treasurer, Diane Lyman.

Please submit payment no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

Once your payment has been received, you will be put on the attendees list.

"You will definitely want to be there! It's going to be a blast!"

November Birthdays

Perry Tonn (Nov 4)
Marilyn Heim (Nov 6)
Myke Schmit (Nov 6)
Carol Jacobs (Nov 7)
Barry Mundt (Nov 10)
Janice Yglesias (Nov 12)
Brian Jones (Nov 15)
Zoi Belschner (Nov 16)
Ed Wallander (Nov 16)
Llew Rock (Nov 16)
Keith Bauer (Nov 24)
Mike Rohr (Nov 24)
Heather Gilley (Nov 26)
John Daugherty (Nov 30)

November Anniversaries

Brian and Crystal Eichman (Nov 4)
Tony and Gokcin Walch (Nov 7)
Marty and Rocky Hockers (Nov 9)
Steve and Jeanne Canney (Nov 10)
Josh and Amy Dorner (Nov 11)
Shawn and Erin Olson (Nov 15)
Gary and Jean Wolf-Pieschek (Nov 18)

Happy Thanksgiving to you and all your loved ones!!

DINNER/LUNCH RUNS 2026

November	open
December	open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

December 5 - Mystery Run to the Northwoods

January 2, 2027 - COTB Holiday Christmas Party

Please think about planning a lunch or dinner to fill up the calendar in November and December. It's fun to get together, even as the weather gets colder!!

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.** 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!

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
(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.

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
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Corvettes of the Bay
Meet here on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm







