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

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Spring has arrived...

The signs were clear at the May member meeting. There were 92 people present and a parking lot colored with Corvettes, despite the fact that it had been raining just hours earlier.

That rain didn't stop seventeen of our members from surprising the teachers and thrilling the young students at St. John Paul II Classical School either. Corvettes of the Bay even received some air time on both WFRV TV 5 and Fox 11 News, so check out the videos on their websites. There are also pictures on corvettesofthebay.org and a video link on our Facebook page. A big thanks to Chuck Templer who coordinated so many details for this great event!

Speaking of community involvement, did you know that for decades Corvettes of the Bay has maintained a section of highway on I-43? Sue Rabideau led and coordinated that effort, but was recently told that pedestrians are no longer allowed to pick up garbage along freeways due to high speeds. As Corvette owners, we're all used to high speeds, but that argument won't get us anywhere.

Thank you to all the Corvettes of the Bay members who dedicated their time over the years to the club's highway cleanup! When you see Sue, please thank her for her many years of dedication to this project. On the flip side, keep your mouth shut if you're talking with the DOT because the Corvettes of the Bay sign that marks our section of highway is still standing (near mile marker 190.6), at least for the time being!

Shortly after our May member meeting, board member Cathy Harrison brought a great idea forward to fill our highway cleanup void. The American Legion places flags by each veteran's grave in the Allouez Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. They can use a lot of volunteers to get this job done, because there are around 3,000 graves.

If you can jump in to help, please meet at the Allouez Cemetery on Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30 am, using the Riverside Drive entrance to the cemetery. Work will be done from 8:00 am to 12 noon. Rain date is May 26.

You will work in groups of 3-4 people in a specific section of the cemetery. Dress for the weather, and it's helpful to bring a wagon or a sturdy bag (like a reusable shopping bag) to carry the flags. For questions, please contact Sue Rabideau smrabideau1@gmail.com 920-362-5404 or Cathy Harrison 920-562-7137 tjharrison977@gmail.com.

This will be a great opportunity to honor those who served our country as we approach Memorial Day.

...and hang on for a fun filled summer!

Dan Terrien

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022

Call to Order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm at The Village Grille in Allouez with 92 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of April Minutes: President Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Tom Harrison and seconded by Ken Lyman.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Lyman reported the status of the club's assets. Membership is currently 184 paid members and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve treasurer's report, motion was made by Mike Golla and seconded by Cheryl Smet, motion approved. Dan also stated that any 2021 member who had not renewed for 2022 was dropped from all e-mails at the end of April.

Scrip Program: Diane reported that for the month of April we sold \$750.00 worth of Shell gas cards and \$180.00 worth of Kwik Trip car wash cards.

Welcome New Members: Dean & Teresa Kane, '72 Elkhart Green Convertible; Bob & Connie Gebhardt, '22 C8 Stingray Convertible, Red Mist Metallic; Lynn Graichen & Yuying Gong, '21 C8 Stingray Convertible, White; Dave & Carol Lenius, '22 Coupe, Red Mist Metallic w/Black Interior, '66 Convertible, Black w/Red Interior; Chuck Valentine & Susan Luckey, '21 Gray Stingray.

Guests: Mike Kumkoski and Keith Stange

Old Glory Honor Flight: Member Russ Tapley went on this flight on April 26. His wife, Diane Van Boxtel, reported that the vets visited 10-12 different monuments and memorials in the D.C. area. Russ appreciated all the letters he received during mail call on the return flight. He was also featured as the Hometown Hero on WFRV-TV Channel 5 on April 29.

Summary of Past Runs and Events:

- April 20** - Pine Tree Supper Club - Joe & Sue Rabideau led this dinner run from NWTC to New London and had 29 attendees. Joe commented we've been going there for 40 years and will probably go again next year.
- April 23** - WIR Drag Race - Dan Terrien's '96 Vette vs. club member Doug Cohen's modified '16 Impala. Dan won by .4365 seconds. Top speeds were 96 mph for the Impala and 98 mph for the Vette. Doug said he should know better than to race a Corvette!
- April 28** - Paradise North Distillery - Diane Van Boxtel reported over 40 people attended. The distillery has been open about a year, and the owner talked about the distilling process and their various spirits. Taste-testing was available, then a catered meal by Minzo's Kitchen.
- May 3** - Teacher Appreciation Day at St. John Paul II Classical School. Chuck Templer reported that 17 teachers were given rides in members' Corvettes to Hinterland for lunch. As added excitement, the teachers were blindfolded while inside the school and guided by their students outside to the waiting Corvettes. The school principal was so appreciative of the club's help in this matter. TV Channels 5 and Fox 11 covered this event. It was a rainy day, but fun!

Upcoming Runs and Events:

- Highway Cleanup** - Since our usual highway area is no longer available to us, Sue Rabideau did some checking and found that there are only two sections in Brown County available, but they are in the outskirts. It was decided to table this topic until something closer opens up.
- May 7** - American Antiques & Jewelry Car Show, 2545 W. Mason St., GB, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, food and live entertainment. Members from the Valley Vettes plan to attend.
- May 7** - Freedom Car Show
- May 13** - Cruise the Avenue in Appleton, 6:00-10:00 pm.
- May 21** - Dinner Run via Clara Creamery & Greenhouse to Van Abel's Supper Club of Hollandtown. Meet at 2:15 pm at Swan Club in DePere, depart 2:30. RSVP by May 16 to Fred.bartman@yahoo.com or call 920-931-5183.
- June 4** - Dinner Run to Primal Eats in Gillett - Tony & Sally Steffen. Details to come.
- June 5** - Fond du Lac Trip Around the Lake, their annual event.
- June 10-11** - 50th Anniversary of Bloomington Gold, the biggest Corvette meeting in the country. Greg Rohde plans to trailer his '62 Vette for judging. Clif Kane mentioned they now have a Resto Mod category.
- June 12** - AllouezFest Precious Metals Car Show. The Allouez Optimists will reserve a nice area to feature COTB and we will have a tent set up. Sign-up requested. 12 members indicated they plan to attend.
- June 14** - Veterans' Home Visit on Flag Day - Dennis Collins reported we will meet at Festival Foods on University Ave for the short drive to the home. Donations of toiletry items or money appreciated, but no books or magazines. 80% of the residents are men, 20% are women. All veterans in the area are invited this year. Food is provided, and Dan Linssen will provide music. Bring lawn chairs.
- June 15** - American English Concert at the Meyer. More than 40 club members signed up. General Admission tickets are still available.
- June 18** - Cars & Guitars - The Automobile Gallery's premier event! Sign up at the Gallery or via their website and RSVP to Dan by June 7. 21 members indicated they plan to attend. We will have a tent set up.
- June 21** - Ice Cream Run to Shake-A-Burger in Oconto led by Mike Golla. Meet at the BP Station at Velp Ave and Riverside Dr in Howard at 3:00 pm, leave 3:15. There will be music, a car show going on, and lots of food choices. Bring lawn chairs.
- June 26** - Timber Rattlers game with Valley Vettes. Game at 1:10 pm. \$13 per ticket, \$6 for parking. Six members indicated an interest, need a run leader.
- July 4** - Tony's Hot Rod Shop annual open house, car show & fireworks display, Antigo. More details to come. Need a run leader.
- Summer Party** - Dan asked if anyone had ideas for this year's party. Tony Steffen mentioned he & Sally have a tentative idea. More to come.
- Two Lane America** from Chicago sent us information on guided Route 66 caravans. Visit 2laneamerica.com for pricing and other details.
- If you want to plan a run but need some help, contact Chuck Templer or Jason Dellise. Chuck stated the Planning Committee's mission is to be a resource, but not a gatekeeper. Sally Steffen reorganized our Run Book, which has plans/routes used for past runs and which can be used for future runs.
- The sign-up sheet for dinner and ice cream runs was passed around. Anyone who plans a run should e-mail the details to Deb VandenAvond at debvan64@sbcglobal.net for communication to the club members and inclusion on the website.

Automobile Gallery and our Members of the Year:

- Update on our COTB stanchion - Manufacturing should be completed by the end of next week, and the write-up for the club has been drafted. We are on track to unveil it at Cars & Guitars (June 18)!

Corvette News:

- Recruitment Cards have been a big hit and are available for any club member to hand out.
- Member Kale Hamacher has a friend selling a red 1985 Corvette automatic with 89,000 miles, asking price \$8,500. Contact person is Jim Alfani at 630-577-7203.

New Corvettes/Modifications:

- Don VandenAvond mentioned that allocations for new Corvettes got put on hold.
- Patti Vlieger was excited to say she is getting a new 2022 Z51 Convertible from a place in Iowa in about two weeks.

Corvette Video:

- Greg Rohde showed a video of Briggs Cunningham, the #2 inductee into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2019.

Adjournment: President Dan asked for motion to adjourn, motion was made by Tony Steffen and seconded by Joe Rabideau. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Diane Lyman, Corvettes of the Bay Treasurer

Corvettes of the Bay “Community Connection”

Written by guest columnist Adam Funk

Hello fellow Corvette enthusiasts, my name is Adam Funk, I am a fellow gear head, Corvette owner, and gemologist/watchmaker at Diamonds & Gold. I have been a car lover all of my life, and a watch lover for most of it. I find for a lot of people those two things go hand in hand. I'll get into that more later. First, I'll tell you how it all began for me.

I grew up with a grandfather who was a mechanic, he was a popular guy and a friend to everyone. When I was a kid, I vividly remember playing at my grandparents' house and in the garage, specifically in the 1937 Chevy that was parked in the garage. My grandfather bought it from his friend and mentor in 1969 for \$200. My cousins and I would don his fedora hats and pretend we were mobsters cruising around town looking for trouble. When it came time for an actual ride with grandpa, I was the first to run for the bucket to wash it before we would cruise. Growing up I was always the one out of all of my cousins most interested in the car and mechanics, my grandfather taught me a ton and gave me all of his tools when he retired. He had always promised that car would be mine someday. When he passed, my grandmother left it parked and under a sheet in the garage. When I turned 17, I asked her about it, and she said that she was saving it for me, but to be fair to the other cousins, I had to buy it, she couldn't just give it to me. Although come to find out, they all wanted me to have it too since it was likely I would keep and maintain it and that it would remain in the family. She decided also that she couldn't possibly profit on her grandson, so I had to pay what they did so many years before. I spent many hours reconditioning and maintaining this car, it is my true first love.



Of course, there is always room for more than one love, and over the years I have added to the stable a 1983 Harley Davidson roadster, and, in my humble opinion, the most breathtakingly beautiful car ever designed. It graced my walls as a 10-year-old boy and believe me I love many different cars, but there really is nothing ever made that quite beats the sheer beauty of a C3. My particular C3 is a 1974 4-speed in midnight purple.

After time, I had changed careers and I was selling fine jewelry and watches. I fell pretty hard for the watches. After all, they are these elegant mechanical wonders that fit on your wrist! There are a lot of analogs between the engine of a car and of a watch. Throughout history, watches have held a significant role in the automotive world such as racing stopwatches, tachymeter chronographs for measuring speed, brand partnerships with major car manufacturers and racing sponsors and more. It's a very elegant marriage, for me most notably in one of my favorite watches, the one that lit the spark for me. The Cartier Roadster, taking all of its design elements from a Porsche Speedster.



Being a watchmaker is a ton of fun and the “wrenching” is somewhat similar, only with much smaller wrenches. It really does scratch that itch when it's too cold or inconvenient to spend time in the garage, and some of those watches can be pretty valuable, rivalling some of the most collectable cars!

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As of today, so many of my passions have merged and become part of my life and career. The culmination of which is my favorite event that we hold at the store. On Sunday, June 5th, Diamonds & Gold is hosting our Watches, Whiskey and Wheels cruise-in event. This year we are introducing the Swiss watch brand Tissot, which is a great value for the money and has a storied history of some amazing designs and mechanical marvels. We also carry Oris, which is another really incredible independent Swiss watch brand, featuring all mechanical movements, high quality materials all in amazing colors and metals.



We will be doing whiskey tasting in the store, Maldonado's taco truck will be parked outside, there will be tons of watches on hand for trying, and of course our parking lot will be filled with some of our favorite rides, including my own. I highly suggest coming to check it out.



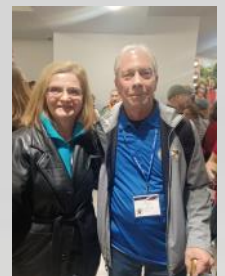
The Community Connection column is new in 2022 and is meant to highlight partnerships and various ways that Corvettes of the Bay connects to, and is part of, Northeastern Wisconsin and the greater automotive community. Please submit ideas for guest columnists to Dan Terrien at terrdL28@yahoo.com.

Although they made several runs down the track, Dan's 330 hp Corvette and Doug's 330 hp Impala on E85 lined up just once on **Opening Day at WIR on April 23**. The old 'Vette won by .4365 seconds. Douglas said, "I should have known better than to race against a Corvette." Dan is thankful Doug wasn't racing his ZR1 that day.



The pictures below are from the Old Glory Honor Flight on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Our member, Russ Tapley, participated, and some of our members met him at the airport when he returned.



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MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS 2022

May 21	Fred & Penny Bartman
June 4	Tony & Sally Steffen
July	open
August	Dave & Betty Byrnes
September	open
October	open
November	open
December	open

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

May	open
June 8	Dan & Vickie Linssen
June 21	Mike Golla
July 20	John & Luann Poll
August	Rick & Sally Northrop
September	Ken & Diane Lyman
October	open

Chicken Run open
Summer Party open
Fall Run Luann & John Poll

Christmas Party 2023

When you have selected a specific date for your dinner or ice cream run, or to volunteer for an open month, e-mail the details to debvan64@sbcglobal.net.

Deb will add it to the events calendar on the website and e-mail the members.

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.

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. **Looking for articles about "your first Corvette."**

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