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

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Energetic Meetings and Fast Cars...

A large and enthusiastic crowd filled The Village Grille for the July meeting. The parking lot was a sea of color, with new and classic Corvettes, and several new members were attending their first meeting.

Last month in this column I asked for help in building up the event calendar, and the club came through with great ideas and fun events.

Learn more by reading the meeting minutes and utilizing and keeping an eye on Corvettesofthebay.org. The Events page lists upcoming events and many past events. Pick some events out to attend and let the list spur your own ideas.

The Community page on our site contains many upcoming events the club is not associated with directly... yet! There are many good run opportunities there.

As Tony Steffen mentioned during the meeting, if you've been around for a while, lead the way! Offer ideas, and help acclimate new members. Many hands make light work and make for a fun club.

As I wrote last month, if you're already taking a trip or a run and want to invite members, simply e-mail Debbie VandenAvond and she will send out the info via e-mail and post it to our website. Watch your e-mail (if you have e-mail) and see how others have done it. As always, if you have an idea for a run and need some help, contact Chuck Templar or any member of our Planning Committee and continue to think about 2023 planning...it's not too early.

Thank you to everyone who has or will be leading any type of run or event this year. Don't take these folks or these moments for granted. Thank you to everyone who participates as well, it wouldn't be any fun without you!

...lead to great runs and events!

Dan Terrien



"President Dan feeling cool!"

"Road America Pace Corvettes"



"Mike Golla on the Road America Track, no wonder his runs are so spirited!"

"Still a half hour before the July meeting starts!"



Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2022

Call to Order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at The Village Grille, Bellevue, WI with 94 members and guests in attendance. Dan then announced that The Village Grille has committed their Bellevue location for our meetings for the rest of 2022 as long as we have 40 or more attendees. Also, if members plan to eat prior to a meeting they should make an effort to complete their meal before the meeting starts to minimize distractions, especially now that we meet and eat in the same room.

Approval of June Minutes: President Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Keith Bauer and seconded by Sally Northrop, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Lyman reported the status of the club's assets. Membership is currently 220 paid members and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve treasurer's report, motion was made by Tom Harrison and seconded by Russ Tapley, motion approved.

Script Program: Diane reported that for the month of June we sold \$1,050.00 worth of Shell gas cards and \$210.00 worth of Kwik Trip car wash cards.

Welcome New Members:

Bob & Terri Lang - 1989 Convertible, White
Jim & Paula Pyle - 1998 Coupe, White C5
Barry Mundt & Laura Brinkley - 1986 Hardtop, Silver
John Porterfield - 2007 Coupe, Black Z06
Chuck & Barb Maus - 2004 Convertible, C5, 50th Anniv. Edition, Blue/Tan Top and Interior
Curt Fleener & Katie Vorpahl - 1970 T-Tops, Laguna Grey

President Dan reminded members about having face photos taken after the meeting for the website.

Summary of Past Runs and Events:

June 10-11 - 50th Anniversary of Bloomington Gold - "Back to Bloomington." Harry Liebergen attended and said it was not as good as previous years...and it rained.

June 12 - Allouezfest Precious Metals Car Show. About 25 members brought their cars. Roger Schroeder and Dan Terrien passed out lots of COTB recruitment cards.

June 14 - Ice Cream Run Way-Morr County Park. Dan Linssen reported they had 20 cars participate, bluegrass music, good run, great time, and ice cream sundaes for a donation.

June 14 - Veteran's Home visit on Flag Day. Russ Tapley said there were 25 cars and two police officers on motorcycles, one leading the group and the other to stop traffic as needed. Many hygiene items and two lap blankets were donated to the vets. Good weather, awesome food, music by Dan Linssen. (See pictures on page 3) Russ and COTB received a handwritten thank you card from Theresa at the Veterans Home, which Dan read before handing it to Russ.

June 15 - American English Concert at Meyer - 40+ from COTB signed up. Sue Rabideau reported that the band was great (the evening was a tribute to Paul McCartney and the Beatles). There was a severe weather/tornado watch just before the show started, and everyone had to shelter under the mezzanine for a short time.

June 18 - Cars & Guitars, The Automobile Gallery. Dan reported the COTB tent was set up, and there were so many Corvettes there. This was also the debut of the COTB display in the Gallery, which was completed on June 13. We attempted to contact everyone whose name was on the Member of the Year plaque to come to the Gallery for a brief presentation/unveiling on June 16. Gene Wagner's car will be there until around Aug. 1. Pictures of the display will be in this newsletter and on our website. We need three additional volunteers to display their cars for the rest of this year. John & Luann Poll's '73 is scheduled to be displayed in Jan. 2023.

June 21 - Ice Cream Run to Shake-A-Burger. Mike Golla reported it was a hot "first day of summer." 14 cars joined in the run. It was a fun day, and we may do this again next year.

June 23 - Ariens Co. Hospitality & Museum run with dinner at Cobblestone Creek, Brillion. Dale Ott reported 48 people participated. First stop was the museum with a guided tour, then a drive past Round Lake Farm and the Stone Prairie event site, followed by dinner at the Cobblestone Restaurant.

Fred Bartman spoke about attending Corvette Adventures at Chula Vista/Wisconsin Dells in June, which he has done the past 7-8 years. Was a little disappointed in their "spirited rides."

Mark Hendricks talked about the Wisconsin Dells Speedway hot laps, where you are on the track by yourself, and asked if anyone had done something similar at WIR. No one had, so Mark said he will check into that for a possible event.

Mary Ann Torrez spoke about having fun at Road America for just \$20. Her advice was "Corvettes are made to go fast, so go burn some rubber!!!"

Dan Terrien said you can have a great experience at Road America. For \$20, they treat you like royalty. Check out their calendar of events.

Upcoming Runs and Events: *(see details in separate e-mails or on the website)*

July 10 - St. Bernard's Parish Car Show, 2040 Hillside Ln, GB - Betty Byrnes. Registration 9:00-12:00. Show 11:00-3:00.

July 13 - Rennes Assisted Living - Dan Brunmeier. Meet at Festival Foods in W. DePere at 1:35 pm, leave around 1:50 for the short drive to Rennes. Dan also mentioned it is okay to give residents a ride in your car.

July 20 - Ice Cream Run to Sweet Mama's in Krakow, New Care Senior Citizen Center in Crivitz, The Land of Oz Museum & Ice Cream Station in Wausaukee - Luann Poll reported on their plans and distributed flyers. Meet at 10:00 am.

July 26 - Dinner Run to The Marq in DePere - Mark Hendricks. Meet at 3:00 pm.

August 4 - Dinner Run to Brother's Pub in Shawano - Betty Byrnes. Meet at Shell Station on Lineville at 5:15 pm, leave at 5:30.

August 7 - IMSA Road America - If you are thinking about buying tickets, they are \$55 now, but the price will increase as the date gets closer.

August 7 - St. Agnes Church Car Show, Fisk & 9th St, GB - Cheryl Smet. Show runs from 10:00-4:00, with food & music.

August 13 - Algoma Shanty Days Car Cruise (9th Annual) - Marty & Sherry LaFond. Always a fun day with a car cruise, street vendors, music and food.

August 14 - Prince of Peace Parish Car Show, 3425 Willow Rd, Bellevue - Show 9:00-2:30.

August 17 - Ice Cream Run to Cedar Crest, Manitowoc - Sally Northrop said there will be a spirited run planned for this event.

August 27 - Summer Party at Primal Eats in Gillett - Sally and Tony Steffen. Details have been e-mailed to members and posted on the website. RSVP needed by Aug. 10. Tony thanked the following members for their help planning this event: Keith/Linda Bauer, Gene/Linda Blohowiak, Ken/Diane Lyman, Dale/Kathy Ott.

Updates from the Planning Committee - Chuck Templer circulated the sign-up sheet and an idea sheet for future runs.

Corvette News:

- Applied Chemical Specialties - Gene Wagner distributed information at the meeting and in a separate e-mail.
- Keith & Linda Bauer took delivery of their new 2023 Corvette, Hypersonic Gray Metallic, 2LT, Z51.
- Dan Linssen is playing July 9 at Waterfront Mary's in Sturgeon Bay 2:00-6:00 pm and on July 10 at Brickhouse Burgers in DePere 5:00-8:00 pm.
- Chuck Templer mentioned an idea for an event run...a Road America sunset cruise.

Adjournment: President Dan Terrien asked for motion to adjourn, motion was made by Russ Tapley and seconded by Angelina Terrien. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Diane Lyman
Corvettes of the Bay Treasurer

Corvettes of the Bay “Community Connection”

So far this year, we have had six wonderful guest writers for this Community Connection column. For July, our Community Connection looks a little different because we wanted everyone to have the opportunity to see the poster the Automobile Gallery created for Gene Wagner's '74 Corvette which is currently on display within the Corvettes of the Bay display at the Gallery. Each member Corvette featured will receive a poster like the one on page 4 for displaying their car.



Please consider offering your Corvette for display. If you need to deliver your Corvette to or from the Gallery during the salty winter months, you can contact member Joe Rabideau rabideauauto@gmail.com. For a fee, he will safely deliver your Corvette by flatbed.

The club needs three more member Corvettes to complete the year. Those approximate dates are: Aug 1 - Sept 18, Sept 19 - Nov 6, and Nov 7 - Dec 27. Monday's are a good drop off and pick up date because the Gallery has volunteers those days. Dates have flexibility and need to be coordinated with the Automobile Gallery.



To ring in 2023 through Feb 19, we have John and Luann Poll's '73 which will be turning 50. Of those 50 years, they have owned their classic red Corvette for 48 years!

Please contact Dan Terrien 920-562-2191 or terrdL28@yahoo.com to display your Corvette during one of the three available openings yet in 2022!

Dan Terrien

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.



This year marks the 4th anniversary that our car club, Corvettes of the Bay, donated approximately 100 pounds of personal hygiene products to the residents of the Veterans Home in Green Bay.

Russ Tapley organized the annual event for Flag Day (June 14th) and our membership executed the plan; provided music, assisted with food preparation for lunch, and spent time with the veterans.

A Green Bay Police Department Traffic Officer helped organize a police escort for the club.



1974 Corvette Stingray

Owner: Gene Wagner
Corvettes of the Bay
Member of the Year



1974 was a year of tumult and triumph in America. The gas crisis and the Viet Nam war were ending and so was President Nixon's presidency. Inflation was up.... morale was down. Just as we were experiencing America at its worst, a new television show, ironically called Happy Days, appeared on our television screens on a January night reminding us of America at its best. Richie, Fonzie, Potsie and the gang gave birth to a new era of innocence and sparked a renaissance of classic cars and nostalgic hope for the future. Much like Happy Days, the 1974 Corvette Stingray symbolized the "shape" of things to come.



A subtle transition that began in 1973 was in full bloom by the 1974 model year when the design of the Corvette changed dramatically.... spurred by new federal regulations. Automobiles were forced to pass federal impact tests for the first time. To compensate, Corvette's designers created an "all new" Corvette with lightweight energy absorbing urethane bumpers to meet national 5 mph impact requirements. Turning rules into riches, the 1974 Corvette was a huge hit. 37,502 Corvette Stingrays were sold, 7,000 more than in 1973 and the most since the record-setting year of 1969!



The official color of this '74 Stingray is Corvette Brown Metallic with Medium Saddle interior. Having traveled just over 40,000 miles since new, Corvettes of the Bay member Gene Wagner jumped at the opportunity to purchase this Stingray in 1992 when it had even fewer miles on the clock. Gene was thrilled to add it to his extensive collection of Chevys which includes two other Corvettes, a '68 Roadster and '89 Convertible.



The highly respected L-82/350 cubic inch engine under the hood provides extensive oomph for the era. Only 20% of 1974 Stingrays left the factory with an L-82 which jacks the horsepower to 250 at a time in our history when horsepower was under siege. Other advancements on this Stingray include power-retractable dual headlights, independent rear suspension, Posi-traction, and disc brakes.

The Automobile Gallery & Event Center is pleased to feature the collection of our partners - Corvettes of the Bay. Thanks to owner Gene Wagner and his 1974 Corvette Stingray "Happy Days" are here again!

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


The Automobile Gallery

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You get out of your club what you put into it.



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MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS 2022

July 26	Mark & Bev Hendricks
August 4	Dave & Betty Byrnes
September	Keith & Linda Bauer
October	open
November	open
December	open

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

July 20	John & Luann Poll
August 17	Rick & Sally Northrop
September	Ken & Diane Lyman
October	open

ADDITIONAL RUNS

July 13	Rennes Asstd Living	Dan Brunmeier
Aug 13	Algoma Shanty Days	Marty & Sherry LaFond
Aug 27	Summer Party	Tony & Sally Steffen
Fall Run		Luann & John Poll
Chicken Run		open
Christmas Party 2023		open

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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