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

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The Days are getting shorter...

I have three challenges for you to consider as we look to the months and year ahead!

Challenge 1: I'd like to see November and December dinner runs (or dinner gatherings) to hit our calendar yet this year. I'm guessing some folks will still have their Corvettes out during those first couple weeks of November, and if not they can still meet the group in their regular vehicles. The club doesn't have to stop having fun just because it's getting cold.

Challenge 2: We never did an official "Chicken Run" in 2022. Is it too late, or are chicken runs like jello? There's always room for more?

Challenge 3: It has been years since the club did a Poker Run. It's a big undertaking, but it's also big fun. People can move at their own pace or travel in packs. It's a good excuse to visit small towns and dive bars. Could we pull one off by May or June of 2023? Let your imagination work on that or check with the planning committee to see if there is record of one in the run binder.



Looking ahead to our next meeting on November 1st, we'll gather any ballots for our election that have not already been mailed in. You'll see those ballots within the pages of this newsletter. Our election committee of Gene & Linda Blohowiak and Dan Brunmeier will ensure COTB will not need a re-count!

Also during the November meeting I'll be excited to hear about how the radios that Jim Pyle loaned the fall run participants were used. Ya got your ears on? Because with the deals Jim is offering, the club can't really go wrong.

Remember, especially snowbirds, we always appreciate early membership renewals rather than trying to track you down in spring. It reduces the amount of work, especially for the treasurer, and we will have a new treasurer in 2023. Technically, everyone's membership expires on December 31st.

So far 31 people renewed, including everyone on your 2022 board of directors. We want to set a good example after all!

Lastly, I want to thank you, the members, for outstanding attendance at meetings. We've had over 90 people at every meeting from May – October, and that is pretty special. It seems like collectively we are really enjoying our new venue, and big attendance will help us stay put.

...but it's not snowing yet!

Dan Terrien

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022

Call to Order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at The Village Grille, Bellevue, WI with 92 members in attendance.

Approval of September Minutes as posted: President Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Betty Byrnes and seconded by Laura Brinkley.

Dan announced that member Byron Rousseau passed away September 29, and we give our sympathy to his wife, Sue. You are in our prayers.

Dan also read a thank you card from Gene & Linda Blohowiak for the card and contribution we sent to them for the passing of Gene's mother. Our prayers are with you both.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Lyman reported the status of the club's assets; membership is currently 241 paid members. President Dan called for a motion to approve treasurer's report, motion was made by Mike Golla and seconded by Ed Villiesse, motion approved.

Scrip Program: Diane reported that for the month of September we sold \$500.00 worth of Shell gas cards and \$90.00 worth of Kwik Trip car wash cards. The cards are on sale at each meeting.

New Members: Bill & Linda L'Huillier, 1969 Big Block 427 and a C8. Dan reminded members they can start renewing their memberships for next year. The Membership/Renewal Application form is on our website, and it can be turned in at a meeting or mailed to our PO Box. Any new membership as of October 1 is considered paid through 2023 according to our bylaws.

Election Committee: Sue Rabideau and Dan Brunmeier have found the following nominees for board positions for 2023.

For Treasurer—Terri Villiesse

For Secretary—Marilyn Heim and Mary Ann Torrez

For Members at Large—Luann Poll, Guy Ringle, Greg Rohde, Curt Schweiner, and incumbents Cathy Harrison and Chuck Templer

Club members will be sent a paper copy of the October newsletter along with ballots and voting instructions. An election committee consisting of Gene & Linda Blohowiak and Dan Brunmeier will oversee the election activity.

Summary of Past Runs and Events:

September 8—Ken & Diane Lyman led a run to Roadside Bar & Grill in Plymouth for lunch, drove through the Kettle Moraine, and then on to LaClare Creamery for ice cream. It was a nice sunny day, there were 26 cars, and Ken had to give instructions on how to do a J turn.

September 15—Keith & Linda Bauer led a run to Berg's Landing in Menominee, had 22 Corvettes and one SUV, and had a great time. And there was a potential new member that also went.

September 20—Dan Brunmeier led the Emerald Bay Run. He stated that 13 cars went on a very scenic run 1 ½ miles on a frontage road to the Emerald Bay facility. The residents really enjoyed seeing all the Corvettes, and there was one lady that had gotten four different rides, she really enjoyed herself. And the mystery stop that Dan planned was at D2 Sports Bar.

Upcoming Runs and Events:

October 13—Dinner run to the Torchlight in Shawano by Sue & Joe Rabideau, meet at Maplewood Meats by 5:15 pm and leaving at 5:30.

October 19 & 20 – Fall Run – Luann Poll stated that 16 cars have signed up for this fantastic run, and she might be able to accommodate more. You can contact her at 847-401-1147 or email lupoll1955@gmail.com with any questions.

January 6, 2023—Annual Christmas Party at Riverside Ballroom, Green Bay, cocktails at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

Member Jim Pyle of avcsystems brought some hand-held radios to the meeting and has graciously donated 8 radios to our club to use on our runs. A BIG THANK YOU to him. Those going on the Fall Run will have the opportunity to use them. Radios for runs would be a great way for everyone to communicate and let leaders know if there are problems in the back of the line. If you are interested in getting some for yourself, please see Jim at our meetings. These are Cobra Brand and FCC Certified, all are FRS (family radio service) Radios and are all rechargeable batteries.

Member of the Year Nominations: If you know a member or members who would qualify for this award, please contact Jason Dellise at jasondellise@yahoo.com or 920-619-7682. If you can, please include a sentence as to why you think they should be nominated. The board will vote and decide on the winner at the December board meeting, and the member of the year will be awarded at our Christmas Party on January 6, 2023.

Corvette News: If interested in storage for your Corvette, please see Gene Wagner or Joe Rabideau. They have spots available.

Vicki & Scott Blahnik purchased a '99 LS1 Convertible, Sebring Silver, with only 63,000 miles on it.

Bill & Amy Zehms will be getting a 2023 Torch Red museum delivery Corvette, and if you don't know what this means, he can watch his car being built in Bowling Green, Kentucky, from his computer.

Greg Rohde showed two videos to the club. The first was shot by Brandon Rohde from inside the cockpit of his Corvette while he was driving competitively around the Road America track. The video displayed speed, braking, acceleration and other metrics as we saw the track through the windshield. The second video contained pictures and footage of legendary and priceless Corvettes that were featured at Bloomington Gold this past June.

Corvette Adventures at Chula Vista is planned for next year June 8-10, 2023. If you are interested, please go to their website at corvetteadventures.com.

Adjournment was at 8:00 pm, President Dan asked for motion, motion made by Joe Rabideau and seconded by Dan Brunmeier.

Elizabeth Kelling, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary



Corvettes of the Bay “Community Connection”

Written by guest columnist John Gunnell

We first met T. Pepper Burruss when he displayed his 1973 “NFL Phoenix” Corvette at the Road America street car concours during the Kohler International Challenge in 2011. Pepper was enjoying sharing the fun of his car—and his Super Bowl ring—with spectators at the Saturday evening car show. The appearance of the car was rare. Pepper told us he enjoyed car shows, but at that time he was the Head Athletic Trainer for the Green Bay Packers and that job ate up most of his time.

It's like that every member of Corvettes of the Bay knows the story of how Pepper spent years restoring the 20,000-mile car that he purchased, while working for the New York Jets. Team owner Ron Wolf had sold the slightly customized Corvette to him. Wolf got the car in 1997 from Oakland Raiders personnel director George Karras. Wolf bought it for his son, who did not like it and put only 641 miles on it.

The car was originally white. Its custom touches included a modified T-top, custom striping and side pipes. At some point, it's believed that Karras changed the wheels. These modifications were still on the car when it was delivered to Pepper in July 1999.

What started as a quick restoration became an “unintended frame-off restoration.” The car was completely refinished. Pepper decided to have the seats done with genuine football leather inserts made by Wilson Sporting Goods Co. in its football factory in Ada, Ohio. While waiting for the seats, the car was sent in for a wheel alignment. On May 18, 2010 it was being trailered home from the alignment shop when it went on fire.

The car was then taken to Corvette Sports, Inc., in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., where it got its second complete restoration. A GM ZZ4 crate motor with 355 hp was installed. It had a Holley 750-cfm carb, a March serpentine belt system, a DeWitt aluminum radiator with dual electric fans, hooker headers and other upgrades. A Hurst Competition Plus shifter handled gear changes. A lot of attention was lavished on the Corvette's football themed interior. By May 4, 2011, the car was mostly restored.

As stated earlier, most of you have probably heard this story, but there's an important addition we'd like to make—a nod to the friendliness of a Corvettes of the Bay member. After we met Pepper at Road America, he invited us to come up to Lambeau Field to meet with him and do articles about the car. He took us into the Packer locker room and then up the tunnel onto the “Frozen Tundra,” which wasn't frozen on that summer day. Then, for a crowning touch, he gave us photos of the car on Lambeau Field.

Normally, even walking on the field is *verboten*, but it seems they were doing some construction that year, so Pepper got permission to take the car onto the turf for a few rare pictures. They really made the article we did “pop.” I have to admit I am not a football fan myself, but a friend who went with me was in 7th Heaven. In fact, I think he got into 8th Heaven when Aaron Rodgers walked by the other side of a fence as we were leaving!

*John Gunnell lives in Iola, Wis., where he worked for **Old Cars Weekly** for 30 years. He also writes for the **National Corvette Owners Assoc.** and regularly does appraisals of classic cars, including all of the vehicles in Green Bay's Automobile Gallery.*

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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.

T. Pepper Burruss with his award-winning
1973 "NFL Phoenix" Corvette



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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

STEVE BLOEDEL (OCT 1)
KELLY NEMETZ (OCT 1)
GENE WAGNER (OCT 2)
PETER BEANE (OCT 3)
MIKE GOLLA (OCT 3)
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VICKIE LINSSEN (OCT 30)
DIONNE VAN ITEN (OCT 31)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

GREG AND KATHY ROHDE (OCT 1)
DENNIS AND BARBARA COLLINS (OCT 11)
BILL AND DEB VANDERTIE (OCT 15)
STEVE AND CONNIE BLOEDEL (OCT 16)
TOM AND CATHY HARRISON (OCT 16)
RICK AND SALLY NORTHROP (OCT 16)
DANA AND JEANI HOOK (OCT 17)
PAUL AND MYKE SCHMIT (OCT 20)
KEN AND DIANE LYMAN (OCT 21)
LISA AND SEAN FERNSTRUM (OCT 27)
DAN AND BECKY MILLER (OCT 29)

ENJOY YOUR DAY !!

MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS 2022

October 13 Joe & Sue Rabideau
November open
December open

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

October open

ADDITIONAL RUNS

Oct 19-20 Fall Run Luann & John Poll
Chicken Run open
Christmas Party Jan 6, 2023 Deb VandenAvond

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!

CHECK OUT THESE ADS

Unheated storage for one vehicle - Suamico. \$250 Call Gene Wagner 920-434-7933 (No texting)
Heated storage available - Green Bay. Call Joe Rabideau 920-592-0726
For sale: 2014 C7 3LT Z51, White w/Red interior. 11K miles. \$48K
Call Dan Lardinoio 920-639-8465

[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.

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2023 Board of Directors

Election Ballot



Your Name (required) _____

UNCONTESTED OFFICER POSITIONS



Dan Terrien - *Board President*



Jason Dellise - *Board Vice President*



Terri Villiesse - *Board Treasurer*

VOTE FOR ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CANDIDATES FOR BOARD SECRETARY BY CHECKING THE BOX NEXT TO THEIR PHOTO.



Marilyn Heim - *Board Secretary*



Mary Ann Torrez - *Board Secretary*

Board Members at Large:

Vote for up to three (3) of the following six (6) candidates by checking the box next to their photo. If you vote for more than three (3), none will be counted.



Cathy Harrison - *Incumbent*



Luann Poll



Guy Ringle



Greg Rohde



Curt Schweiner



Chuck Templer - *Incumbent*

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure to put your name on the ballot.

A person with a single membership gets one vote, and both people in a dual membership each get a vote.

If emailing or texting, it is permissible to list the names of the candidates you choose for Secretary and the Board Members at Large, or attach the ballot. Please put your name on your message.

Do not use multiple methods to vote...vote only once.

To return your ballot:

Mail it to Corvettes of the Bay, P.O. Box 13122, Green Bay, WI 54307-3122

Mailed ballots must be received at least 24 hours prior to the start of the December 6th members' meeting.

VOTING ENDS DECEMBER 5 AT 7:00 PM.

OR

Place your ballot in the ballot box at the November meeting

OR

Email to Gene Blohowiak at genelinda7779@aol.com

OR

Text to Gene Blohowiak at 920-737-7517

Votes will be counted and verified by the Elections Committee and the results announced at the December 6, 2022, Annual Members' Meeting.