



Vette Ventures

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

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A Sweet 2023...

Is in the works!

It's fun to look at the columns I wrote last year to see the progression of the club. Last year at this time we had two dinner runs and the teacher appreciation event in the works. This year we plan to match that with Luann's Sweet Gatherings on February 19th, the Lyman's March 16th dinner at 1951 West in Green Bay, and it appears that we can bring back the teacher appreciation event on May 2nd!

We're not stopping at that either. We needed at least 20 cars to pull off the private, Corvettes only Sunset Cruise at Road America on May 11th. As the February meeting came to a close, we already had 38! Remember, you need four things to participate. You need:

1. To be a member in good standing.
2. To send in the COTB sign-up form.
3. To send in your check for the event and optional meal(s).
4. To fill out the **digital waiver form for Road America**. We really don't want this to happen at the track because it will hold up the group. Contact Mark Nemetz for questions or help with this (920-660-0574). **LINK IS ON OUR WEBSITE TOO!**

On top of all this, we had our friend Darrel Burnett stop by our meeting to invite us over for coffee! On May 20th, The Automobile Gallery will host Corvettes and Coffee at 8:30am. We are invited back later that same day for a peek into the world of exotic Italian cars. Details to follow!

Please don't be a spectator this year. If you are willing and able, jump in and plan a run, event, gathering or party. Join a committee or offer your talents to the board. Maybe you'll want to run for office in 2024 when we'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary. As so many of you already know, when you decide to serve the club, you'll find it to be so much more rewarding!

...is happening now!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Dan Terrien

Visit corvettesofthebay.org regularly to check events, newsletters, roster, and all things Corvettes of the Bay!

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023

Call to order:

President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:03pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 93 members in attendance.

Approval of January Minutes as posted:

President Dan called for a motion to approve the minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried.

Corvette Member updates:

- Russ Tapley's mother passed away; he and Diane are attending to things in Arizona until mid-March. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Russ, Diane, and family.
- Debbie Smet's father, Richard Vogel, passed away. Mike and Debbie Smet are honorary members of the club.
- Tim Cain, former club member, passed away.
- Presidents' Day is Monday, February 20. Luann Poll recognized our outstanding President of The Corvettes of the Bay, Dan Terrien. Thank you, Dan, for your hard work and support of our Club, we appreciate you!!!

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

The club welcomed new members:

- Keith Ledden – Owns a 2013 Black Convertible; he heard about the club from Clif Kane.
- Jeff and Mary Zellner – Own a 1984 White Coupe.

And guests:

- Kelly and Judy Martin – Owners of a 1978 Corvette which they have owned – 40 years; Judy has yet to drive this car. Kelly and Judy heard about Corvettes of the Bay at the YMCA.

Treasurer Report:

- Terri Villiesse reported the status of the club's assets along with the number of gas and car wash Scrip cards sold. Membership is currently at 154 paid members and four honorary members.
- President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report; motion was made by Rick Northrop.

2023 Budget:

A copy of the 2023 budget may be found under the "Members Only" section on our website www.corvettesofthebay.org.

Past Runs and Events:

- Deb VandenAvond reported on the January 6 Annual Christmas Party that there was a record attendance. It was later verified that there were 116 people in attendance. A bottle of wine was a gift to all. She also acknowledged Sally Northrop and Cheryl Yursis for helping plan this event.
- As announced at the Christmas party, you can now see Diane and Ken Lyman's 2022 Member of the Year plaque affixed to the club's stanchion at the Automobile Gallery.
- Luann Poll has volunteered to chair the 2023 Christmas party, which will also include Deb VandenAvond and Sally Northrop.

Upcoming Runs and Events:

- Dan encouraged the club to utilize the Corvettes of the Bay Run Binder for ideas, or start new runs. The binder may be checked out by Secretary Mary Ann; a sign out sheet is available.
- Jason Dellise announced a short notice "flash" run for February 9, the "Wine of the Sea" Tasting Event at the Wine Cellar in De Pere from 4:00-6:00pm; dinner at the Brickhouse in De Pere follows.
- Luann and John Poll will showcase their 1973 red Corvette at the "Sweet Social Gathering" at The Automobile Gallery at 12:30pm on February 19th. Tour the Gallery; enjoy some sweet treats, and a stroll through Captain's Winery.
- Diane and Ken Lyman are hosting a dinner at 1951 West (located at Rock Garden); 5:00pm cocktails, 6:00pm dinner on March 16th.
- Mark Nemetz provided detailed instruction regarding the May 11th "Sunset Cruise at Road America" Private Event. Mark reports we will need a minimum of 20 Corvettes registered and the club will cover the \$500 deposit.
 - Stipulations to register are you must be a Corvettes of the Bay member in good standing, complete sign-up sheet, payment, and digital waiver. The passenger does not need to be a member, and can be under 18 years of age. No alcohol allowed.
 - Plan to meet 3:00pm at The Swan Club in De Pere, depart for Road America at 3:30pm. While a box lunch (\$22 each) will be provided to those interested after the cruise, Dan Linssen inquired if there is a local restaurant as an option.
 - The Automobile Gallery will treat every Corvette that goes on this adventure with one free admission ticket to The Automobile Gallery, and your name will be entered into a drawing to win a new Automobile Gallery jacket!
- Special Guest, Darrel Burnett, Executive Director at The Automobile Gallery, reported "Corvettes and Coffee at The Automobile Gallery" will be May 20th from 8:30-10:30am. Later that same day, the Gallery will host a special event for rare Italian cars, and COTB members are welcome to come back for the event at a special discounted rate of only \$5 per member.
- Darrel Burnett also reminded the club that on June 17th "Cars and Guitars" will be held from 2:00-8:00pm. Darrel states there will be a special section for Corvettes of the Bay members, and it will be a festival style event.
- Dan mentioned that on October 26-29, a "Corvettes and Nashville" bus trip will be hosted by Bay Bus for \$595/person double occupancy, and members can see Bay Bus for details.
- If anyone is interested in hosting a Spring run, please e-mail Deb VandenAvond at her personal e-mail debvan64@sbcglobal.net.

Corvette News:

- Cheryl Smet suggested the club coordinate a Teacher Appreciation Lunch run similar to last year for St. Joseph Catholic School. 18 cars are needed; Bob LeMieux will pay for the teacher lunch buffet. Chuck Templer volunteered to spearhead this effort for May 2nd.
- A member questioned what sponsors give what discounts to club members. Dan Terrien said he needed to contact the sponsors to clarify everything they provide, but mentioned the parts discount at Gandrud. Mike Golla reported Broadway Chevrolet provided him a discount recently.
- Dan Linssen presented information on "Zipper merge" for road safety in construction zones. Please see [The Best Way to Merge May Surprise You \(aaa.com\)](http://The Best Way to Merge May Surprise You (aaa.com)).
- Greg Rohde presented a video from Vetteacademy – Episode 12, "The One and Only 1983 Corvette." Thank you, Greg!

Adjournment:

President Dan asked for a motion; motion made by Tony Steffen, meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Mary Ann Torrez

Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

Corvettes of the Bay “Community Connection”



Written by guest columnist Darrel Burnett
Executive Director
The Automobile Gallery & Event Center

This being Super Bowl week, this seems the perfect time to share a milestone with Corvettes of the Bay members that came and went with little fanfare last week. Exactly 56 years ago, on February 3rd, 1967, *Sport Magazine* awarded Bart Starr a 1967 Corvette Convertible in New York City in honor of him being named MVP of Super Bowl I. “Officially” the title Super Bowl didn’t get attached to the game until Super Bowl III. The Packers’ back-to-back wins over the Chiefs and Raiders were officially known as AFL-NFL World Championship Games.

But this story isn’t about what you may already know, it is about what few have ever known. If you look closely at the photo from 1967, you will see that the Corvette Bart was awarded that day isn’t the same car he received. Due to a tight publication deadline at *Sport Magazine*, a stand-in Corvette was used for the publicity photos. It wasn’t until five months later, in June 1967, that General Motors delivered the “real” Bart Starr Corvette straight from the factory in St. Louis. As proof, there is a sticker on the gas tank that reads *Courtesy Delivery- B. Starr*. It is 1 of just 4,292 Corvettes painted Goodwood Green in 1967, the closest General Motors could come to matching Packer green.

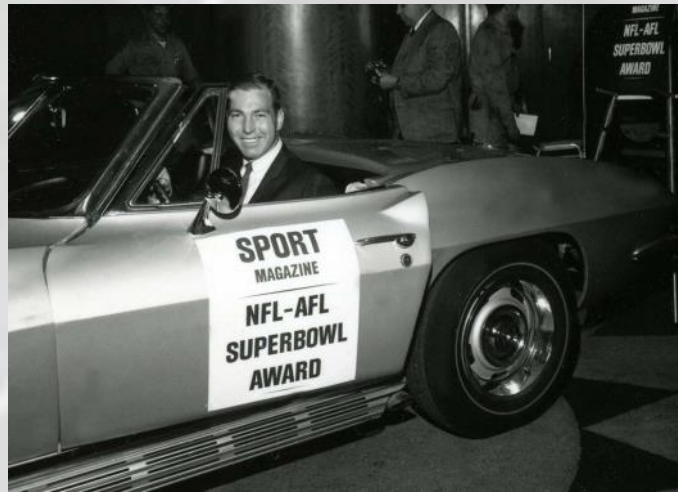
I wish I could report that this car has led a gilded life. Far from it! Likely due to his strong contractual ties to Ford Motor Company, Bart sold this car while it was still very fresh, and it passed through three owners before landing in Michael Anderson’s private collection in St. Joseph, MN where it remained hidden away for nearly 30 years before surfacing at the Mecum Auction in Indianapolis May 21st, 2018. On that day, Steve Altieri from Wallingford, CT changed his life and the course of our life at The Automobile Gallery & Event Center. Steve purchased Bart’s fabled Corvette after it failed to meet reserve and then decided the only place the car belonged was Green Bay. The Automobile Gallery & Event Center is proud to be the permanent home for this wonderful piece of NFL history that was the catalyst for the Corvette connection to the Super Bowl for nearly 50 years.

For much of that half century, it was presented by *Sport Magazine* which was in business from 1946 to 2000. In fact, there was a time when *Sport Magazine* was far more popular than rival *Sports Illustrated*. Like *Sport Magazine* the tradition of giving the Super Bowl MVP a Corvette or other GM vehicle, in later years, finally went away too when Hyundai became the official automobile sponsor of the Super Bowl in 2015.

Today, the only place in the world you can see Bart’s Super Bowl I MVP Corvette is The Automobile Gallery & Event Center. Like a timeworn painting, Bart’s Corvette is in original condition and wears every wrinkle and scar collected over 48,000 miles with pride. It makes me feel good that Corvettes of the Bay also call The Automobile Gallery & Event Center home too!

The Automobile Gallery & Event Center is proud to be the permanent home for this wonderful piece of NFL history—Bart Starr’s 1967 Corvette Convertible.

Check it out the next time you visit the Gallery.



Club members Greg & Kathy Rohde's '62 Corvette was displayed at The Automobile Gallery from late October to late December 2022. The folks at the Gallery really didn't want to let this amazing restoration leave, but Greg had plans to take his car to some important shows for competition.

Corvettes of the Bay and The Automobile Gallery are rooting for him to bring home some national recognition for his beautiful work.

See Page 6 for this car's storyboard.



1962 Chevrolet Corvette



**1 of 246 RPO687 Corvettes
Ever Produced!**

Owners: Greg & Kathy Rohde



In 1962, Chubby Checker's smash hit *The Twist* changed American culture, but "the twist" engineers had in store for the '62 Corvette changed everything! The final year for the first-generation Corvette opened the door to a new era. Adding Rochester Ramjet fuel injection to the brand new 327 cubic inch engine turned a 250-horsepower sports car into a 360-horsepower cruise missile.

The Corvette "Fuelie" ate up pavement and the competition in equal amounts with a 0-60 time of 5.5 seconds and a top end of 130 mph. That impressive performance established the 1962 Corvette as one of the fastest production cars in the U.S. and, by far, the fastest in the 10-year history of the Corvette at that point in its history.



Preserving that history was paramount for Corvettes of the Bay members Greg & Kathy Rohde. Their stunning Sateen Silver Corvette is restored to the stringent standards of the

National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) and is 1 of just 246 RPO 687 Corvettes produced in 1962. Race ready straight from the factory floor in St. Louis, RPO 687 (Regular Production Option) Corvettes featured:

- A Quick Steering Adapter
- Special Front and Rear Shocks
- Finned Brake Drums with Cooling Fans
- Wider Heavy-Duty Wheels
- Air Scoops for Front and Rear Brakes
- Button Hubcaps


In the hands of racing legends like Briggs Cunningham and Don Yenko, the 1962 RPO 687 Corvettes were a terror on the track from Laguna Seca to Le Mans.

As fast as this Corvette is, the restoration process was tediously slow. To qualify for NCRS certification, a Corvette must be restored exactly to the way it came from the factory, flaws, and all. The ground up restoration began in 2013 at Roger Micheau's shop in Escanaba, MI and was completed in 2018.

6 decades ago, the RPO687 1962 Corvette was the bridge between the past and the future ahead of the introduction of the C3 Stingray in 1963. Today, the future has Greg and Kathy preparing to chase the Triple Crown of Corvettes with titles at three major national events - Bloomington Gold - The Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals - and The National Corvette Meet in French Lick, IN.



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


The Automobile Gallery

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Dan Terrien
Vice President - Jason Dellise
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
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Board Member - Cathy Harrison
Board Member - Luann Poll
Board Member - Chuck Templer

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

MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS

2023

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

February	Jason Dellise		
March	Diane & Ken Lyman		
April	open	April	open
May	open	May	open
June	open	June	open
July	open	July	open
August	open	Aug	open
September	open	Sept	open
October	open	Oct	open
November	open		
December	open		

Enjoy your SPECIAL DAY!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

CURT FLEENER (FEB 1)
LUANN POLL (FEB 2)
MARY ANN TORREZ (FEB 2)
GERRY VAN CLEVE (FEB 6)
JOHN JOHNSON (FEB 7)
RANDY KEMPEN (FEB 7)
DAVE MUSIAL (FEB 11)
NICK THOMPSON (FEB 12)
BEVERLY HENDRICKS (FEB 14)
TWYLA JOHNSON (FEB 20)
BOB LANG (FEB 20)
PAULA PYLE (FEB 20)
BAMBIE THIELBAR (FEB 20)
WESTON FLEGEL (FEB 22)
TERRI BOETTCHER (FEB 23)
ANGELA ROHDE (FEB 24)
CONRAD SUTEK (FEB 24)
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BOB GEBHARDT (FEB 28)
DANIEL TERRIEN (FEB 28)

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BOB AND KONNIE GEBHARDT (FEB 14)
SUE AND JOE RABIDEAU (FEB 14)
DANIEL AND ANGELINA TERRIEN (FEB 16)
RANDY AND JULIE JACOBS (FEB 24)

ADDITIONAL RUNS

Feb 19 - "Sweet Gatherings" at The Auto Gallery and Captain's Walk - Luann Poll
May 11 - Private Sunset Cruise at Road America
May 20 - Corvettes and Coffee at The Automobile Gallery
Spring Run open
Summer Party open
Fall Run open
Chicken Run open
Holiday Party 2024 - Luann Poll, Deb VandenAvond, Sally Northrop

Let's fill the calendar with places to meet for dinner during the winter months and some nice rides and dinner when the weather warms up !!

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.

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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

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