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

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Waiting for the Green

...is hard to do!

The anticipation for the riding season is stronger than ever! For example, in March 2022 we had 61 members attend the monthly meeting. This month we had 83 in attendance!

One thing that will take your mind off the snow is the events page at Corvettesofthebay.org. Club events are starting to fill the calendar nicely. Check back often and mark your own calendar so you don't miss anything that you want to attend.

Another thing that will make spring arrive quicker is planning a run, event, gathering or party for the club. I love the creativity of Derby Dash Days coming on May 6th, brought to you by Sally Northrop and Deb VandenAvond. Corvettes and Coffee on May 20th is suddenly even more interesting, now that it comes with discounted admission to Festa Italiano, also at The Automobile Gallery that same day! What about the Daddy D's Cruisin' the Classics event that Luann Poll and Diane Lyman are working on for September? Yeah, I'm not missing that one either.

While we are waiting for some of those details to fill in, and of course waiting for the snow to melt, you may want to check out the C1-C8 Corvette display that was just completed at The Automobile Gallery.

Personally, I'm working on a couple bucket list items for 2023. The first one is not Corvette related, but Angelina and I will be going to the Brewer's home opener on April 3rd. It will be our first opener, and we are pretty excited.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! If you haven't seen the 2020 movie "I Am Patrick," I highly recommend it! *Warning: No Corvettes appear in the movie.*

Dan Terrien

P.S.:

Visit corvettesofthebay.org regularly to check events, newsletters, roster, **THE NEW HISTORICAL RECORD OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS FROM 2000-2023** that Diane Lyman compiled for your viewing pleasure, and all things Corvettes of the Bay!

P.P.S.:

If you are considering running for office in 2024, when we'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary, come and talk with me.

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023

Call to order:

President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 83 members in attendance.

Approval of February Minutes as posted:

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

Membership:

New and potential members –

- Kelly and Judy Martin – Owners of a 1978 Corvette white and silver with green and gold pinstripes.
- Darrel Burnett – Executive Director of The Automobile Gallery, reports he can “Steal one of many cars from the Gallery!”

Membership dues are due for 2023 and can be paid today with Terri. Anyone who has not paid dues for 2023 is not a member in good standing. Anyone who was a member last year and has not renewed may be receiving a reminder e-mail from Terri and will be dropped from the e-mail list on May 3rd, the day after our meeting.

Facebook page:

- Luann Poll will be taking over duties as Editor, Dan will continue as Administrator. The Facebook page serves as an advertising arm of the club and a way to interact with the club. The goal is to drive people to our website, to our meetings, and to joining the Corvettes of the Bay.

Website:

- Members have access to the “Members only” section by setting up a password. There are many great resources in this Members only section – such as member phone numbers, e-mails, and by-laws, just to name a few.
- Diane Lyman has created a list of all Board Members who served from 2000-2023 – a great walk through history!

Treasurer Report:

Terri Villiessa reported the status of the club’s assets and last month’s sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards. Membership is currently at 175 paid members – (29 single, 73 dual), plus 4 honorary. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer’s report; motion was made by Rick Northrop. Motion carried.

Past Runs:

- Jason Dellise reported on a flash run at The Wine Cellar in De Pere called “Wine of the Sea” on February 9th. This was an enjoyable structured event with a table full of wines, tasting how a wine is before and after aging in the ocean.
- Luann Poll reported on the “Sweet Social Gathering” at The Automobile Gallery on February 19th, along with a tour of the Captain’s Walk Winery. Twenty-two members were in attendance.

Survey:

Luann has created a survey to get to know members – what would you like to see in the club? How can you become involved? The survey will be distributed at the April meeting or can be completed via e-mail with return date in May. Anyone who completes the survey will be entered in a drawing for prizes. At the June meeting, Luann will share findings of the survey.

Upcoming Runs/Events:

- March 16th - Dinner date correction. At 1951 West (by Rock Garden), cocktails at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm; 30 people have signed up. - Diane & Ken Lyman
- There is an opportunity for an April dinner run. Please contact Dan if interested.
- May 21st – Dan and Vickie Linssen are hosting a dinner run to The Lost Key Tap in Wrightstown. This is an upscale restaurant that opened one year ago, is completely renovated, and the Chef was hired from New York. The restaurant is closed on Sundays, however, the owner states if 40 Corvette members are interested, he will open on May 21st. The Chef will provide appetizers, a rolling buffet, main dish, and dessert for \$30/person. Plan to meet at the Swan Club in De Pere at 4:00, follow down along the river to Wrightstown, this is approximately a 30-minute drive. Cocktails at 4:30pm, buffet at 5:30pm. Pay in advance, details will be forthcoming.
- May 2nd - Teacher Appreciation St. Joseph School, Pilgrim Way - Chuck Templer. This event will be rain or shine, and is a surprise event for the teachers. Meet in the Ashwaubenon Target southeast corner parking lot with a time to be determined. Lunch will be provided at The Village Grille in Allouez for teachers and drivers. There are enough drivers. Contact information will be sent out two weeks prior to event.
- May 6th – Derby Dash Days. Sally Northrop and Deb VandenAvond talked about celebrating the Kentucky Derby with Cathy Proctor, owner of Village Grille. Cathy set this day aside to celebrate. Women are encouraged to wear a big derby hat! An opportunity to bid on 47 horses. This event is in the making, more details to come.
- May 11th – Private Corvette Club only Sunset Cruise at Road America – Mark Nemetz. We have 50 cars signed up for this event. We need 4 things – 2023 Corvettes of the Bay paid membership, sign-up sheet, payment, and digital waiver. The digital waiver can be found on the events page at Corvettesofthebay.org. Other areas of discussion include:
 - Bring a couple of bag/folding chairs in the event we are bumped from the Tuft Center.
 - Bring your own beverages, no alcohol allowed.
 - Liability waiver form on your cell phone.
 - Take a tour of the control tower and gift shop after the event.
 - Be certain to sign up prior to meeting at the Swan Club.
 - Have a route to track in case the group is split up.
- May 20th – Corvettes and Coffee at The Automobile Gallery and Festa Italiano Event. The Automobile Gallery will put on coffee from 8:30am-10:30am. Members can return that afternoon from 2:00pm–6:00pm to see \$30 Million worth of Italian cars on display. One car in particular is from New York; a 1964 Ferrari Lusso worth \$2 million. The cost of this event is \$5 to members.
- May 24th – Our Highway Cleanup project, which was a way the members served the community, was discontinued in 2022. Cathy Harrison worked with the American Legion to place flags at The Allouez Catholic Cemetery for Memorial Day. It is anticipated there will be 3,000 flags placed. Cathy will lead that service opportunity once again for the club in 2023. Meet at 8:00am at the Riverside Drive entrance of the cemetery, a list of graves will be provided – this takes until 11:30am. The rain date is May 25th. Please see Cathy if interested.
- June 17th – Cars & Guitars/Drive to End Alzheimer’s. Dan Terrien and Pete Bilski. Start time for the show is 8:00am and start time for the run is 9:00am. This is a combined event this year. Dan will set up a tent and new member forms. There is a specified area for COTB to park. For the run, there are four different routes which all lead back to The Automobile Gallery. Cost is \$15/car which includes admission to The Automobile Gallery. Of that fee, \$5 will go to the Alzheimer’s Association. There are over 17,000 Brown County residents affected with Alzheimer’s.
- July 11th – Due to our July meeting falling on the 4th of July, Dan confirmed with The Village Grille that they will be able to accommodate us on July 11th.
- September 14th – Cruisin’ with the Classics/Automobile Gallery – Luann Poll and Diane Lyman met with Darrel Burnett today; more to come!
- Fall Runs – Check out the Run binder from Mary Ann for ideas.

Corvette News:

- Corvette Display at The Automobile Gallery - George Yursis reports there will be a display of C1-C8 Corvettes starting March 10 for six weeks, and you may also see the COTB plaque on display. This event was delayed in 2020 due to COVID.
- Greg Rohde showed two videos of original films from Road America in 1955 when it first opened. The other video was from 1959 at Road America 500-mile race which featured a Stingray.

Please buy some Scrip - Gas and car wash cards from Terri after the meeting!

New members – Please submit a photo or have your picture taken for the roster.

Adjournment: President Dan asked for motion, motion made by Ed Villiessa, meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

1973 Chevrolet Corvette

A Love Story!

Owners: Luann & John Poll



Soon after Luann and John Poll walked down the aisle June 1st, 1974, they found themselves falling in love all over again...with this 1973 Corvette Stingray! Ironically, they found it at a Ford dealership in Arlington Heights, IL. There it sat in its splendid Mille Miglia Red dress and 16,000 miles just waiting to be united with its new owner. A \$6300 purchase

would be a monumental decision for any newlyweds in 1974, but Luann and John were 19 and 20-year-old newlyweds just starting out on their journey in life together. Too young to be cautious, a precious few seconds were spent weighing the consequences before Luann and John took the plunge again just one month into their marriage!

Armed with \$1500 in wedding gift money and John's parents' 1973 Chevy Vega as a trade-in, the Polls were soon proud new owners of a Corvette Stingray that featured more changes than any Corvette since its introduction 20 years earlier. A seismic shift was clearly underway in the automotive industry in 1973 and "America's Sports Car" literally "took it on the nose."

The 1973 C3 Corvette fell victim to the infamous 5-mile per hour bumper law mandating that all cars be able to sustain a 5-mph impact on the front without damaging lights or other safety equipment. The new bumper system added 35 lbs. to the weight of the Corvette and featured an injection molded urethane bumper which was dubbed the "rubber bumper" while the rear bumper remained chrome. The '73 Corvette's "nose job" also added 2 inches to the length of the car. In fact, the 1973 Corvette Stingray was chalked full of changes including:

- The introduction of Radial Tires
- Stiffer Suspension for Superior Handling
- Light Alloy Wheels
- Recessed Air Vents on Each Side of the Car
- 40% Reduction in Interior Noise
- Steel Beams in Each Door to Protect Against Side Impacts
- Rubber/Steel Body Mounts Eliminating Interior Vibration
- Stationary Rear Window Cutting Wind Noise
- Asphalt-based Insulation on Floor and Interior Panels
- Functional Air Duct Hood for Better Cooling & Performance



Despite all those changes one thing didn't change, the owner. 50 years later, Luann and John have no intention of parting with their beloved Stingray even after purchasing a 2020 Corvette. It now serves as a sunny day driver to Corvettes of the Bay events and wears its 102,000 miles like a badge of honor. 50 years later, it has earned its right to bask in the spotlight at The Automobile Gallery & Event Center in our Corvettes of the Bay display. We like to think of it as a perfect marriage!

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

The Automobile Gallery

Thank you, Luann and John Poll, for displaying your beautiful Corvette at The Automobile Gallery!



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Dan Terrien
Vice President - Jason Dellise
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
Treasurer - Terri Villiesse
Board Member - Cathy Harrison
Board Member - Luann Poll
Board Member - Chuck Templar



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

LYNN STEINBRECHER (MAR 2)
RUSS TAPLEY (MAR 3)
MARY ZELLNER (MAR 3)
BRENNAN SMET (MAR 5)
DEBBIE SMET (MAR 6)
THERESE (TERRI) VILLIESSE (MAR 7)
DAN BRUNMEIER (MAR 9)
ANGIE THOMPSON (MAR 9)
KEN LYMAN (MAR 10)
RICK NORTHROP (MAR 13)
LINDA BLOHOWIAK (MAR 15)
CATHY REKITZKE (MAR 17)
ELIZABETH VIEAU (MAR 17)
MARK NEMETZ (MAR 20)
CLIFF BARBER (MAR 21)
GEORGE YURISIS (MAR 21)
BILL SMET (MAR 22)
GREG ROHDE (MAR 30)

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

RON AND LINDA BRINGE (MAR 2)
ROBERT AND SHERI DAVIDOVICH (MAR 21)
BILL AND PAM SARVER (MAR 31)

Visit the Events/Community tabs at www.corvettesofthebay.org
to see the most up-to-date list of events!

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

MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS

2023

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

March 16	Diane & Ken Lyman		
April	open	April	open
May 21	Dan & Vickie Linssen	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		

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

May 2 - Teacher Appreciation Day
May 6 - Derby Dash Days
May 11 - Private Sunset Cruise at Road America
May 20 - Corvettes and Coffee at The Automobile Gallery
May 24 - Memorial Day Flag Placement at Allouez Catholic Cemetery
June 17 - Cars & Guitars and Drive to End Alzheimer's
Sept 14 - Daddy D Production 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 with dinner and/or an ice cream stop 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.

FOR SALE

2018 Corvette Grand Sport \$59,900

Coup 1LT Long Beach Rd Metallic w/Cool Grey interior

Automatic Chrome Wheels 15,200k

Contact: Webb Jenkel 920-660-7817 wjjenkel@gmail.com

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

1390 Bellevue St.

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*Corvettes of the Bay
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Tuesday of every month at
7:00 pm*

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