



Vette Ventures

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

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And they're off!

If the first two weeks of May are any indication of the rest of the riding season, you can count on a fun year! Our May meeting attendance of 117 members set a record, and we all had plenty to discuss.

Michael Beal and his wife Jennell provided a pleasant surprise when they arrived at our meeting from the Center for Veterans Issues in Milwaukee to present Corvettes of the Bay a Certificate of Appreciation for our work on behalf of Veterans. The certificate will be displayed under the COTB tent at both the AllouezFest and the Cars & Guitars Car Shows. I will document the framed certificate as a club asset. A special thanks to Russ Tapley who has led the charge on so many of our efforts to support Veterans over the past six years.



This would be a good time to remind you to mark your calendars and join board member Cathy Harrison in assisting the American Legion in placing flags at the Allouez Catholic Cemetery on Wednesday, May 24th, for Memorial Day.

We celebrated a successful Teacher Appreciation run at the meeting as well. The teachers were thrilled with their rides and the students were mighty impressed! We received TV coverage from Fox 11, WFRV TV 5, and were picked up during a national news cast on CW14. Despite the newspaper giving our club credit for buying all the teachers lunch, I'd like to specifically recognize Bob LeMieux Jr. (of LeMieux Toyota) and Greg Slusarek (Landlord of The Village Grille) who actually footed some or perhaps all of the bill. A big thanks to Chuck Templer for his work on this event.

Congratulations are in order for Trainer Gustavo Delgado, Jockey J. Castellano, and horse Mage who displayed some real horse power by winning the Kentucky Derby on May 6th. This 149th derby was my first viewing of the race, and I, along with everyone who gathered at The Village Grille, enjoyed the fun, games, food, decorations and camaraderie. A big hats off...and I do mean BIG HATS off to Sally Northrop, Deb and Don VandenAvond and their daughter Leah for all the work they put into this event.

The May 11th run to Road America for our private sunset cruise has been a long time in the making. By the time you read this, you may have already enjoyed the run, the laps, and the lunch! Big thanks to Mark and Kelly Nemetz for their detailed planning and work on this event.

Did you know Joe and Mary Ann Torrez are hosting the first Garage Session of 2023? If you are not aware, the Garage Sessions is a local group of roughly 800 car and hot rod enthusiasts in the area that communicate primarily through "Google Groups." They occasionally meet in....garages. Joe and Mary Ann have invited Corvettes of the Bay members to this event which will be held at their home on Thursday, May 18th, at 6pm.

Besides all that, we have the Lost Key Tap dinner run, Corvettes and Coffee, Festa Italiano, the 52nd Annual Trip Around the Lake with the Fond De Vettes club, the Watches, Whiskey and Wheels Cruise-In...and that's all going to occur before our next meeting on June 6th!

Details on the events page at Corvettesofthebay.org!

Try to keep up now!

Dan Terrien

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

Call to order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:03pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 117 members in attendance.

Approval of April 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.

Membership:

New and potential members –

Membership dues for 2023 can be paid today with Terri. Anyone who was a member last year and has not renewed will be dropped from the e-mail list tomorrow (May 3rd).

Special Guest/Presentation:

Michael Beal from Center for Veterans Issues: Michael and his wife Jennell traveled from Milwaukee to present a Certificate of Appreciation to COTB for our work on behalf of Veterans. The award was accepted by Dan Terrien, COTB President, and Russ Tapley, COTB member.

- Veteran's Home Run (Flag Day), June 14 – Russ Tapley. This will be the 6th year that COTB has participated. Meet at Festival Foods on University Avenue. Needed items: laundry soap, toiletries, clothing, and socks. Monetary contributions are also accepted as Russ will shop at the Dollar Store for additional items. So far, there are six cars signed up. Channel 5 will do a feature, and the newscaster who features this segment will play Taps. We are hoping for a police escort like last year.

Member Survey: Luann Poll - There were 57 returned surveys.

Luann created beautiful, sparkling tumblers and magnets as prizes for those who completed the survey and had their names drawn. Luann will compile survey results for the June meeting with the assistance of Chuck and Chris Templer. Winners for the drawing: Carol Jacobs, Andrew Schwalbe, Paula Pyle, Russ Tapley, Deb VandenAvond, Patty Edinger, Mike Golla, Doug Van Iten, and Brian Jones.

Deep Dive for Inspiration: Dan Terrien - Dan reviewed past runs on the COTB website. This information is helpful to members who may wish to plan a run. We need July and August runs, so please look to the website for ideas – thank you!

Treasurer's Report:

Terri Villiesse 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 216 paid members (40 single, 88 dual), plus 4 honorary. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report; motion was made by Tony Steffen. Motion carried.

Past Runs and Events:

- April 29 – Howe Community Resource Center Rally for a Reason - Dan Terrien. This event returned after a three-year hiatus due to Covid. Dan and Angelina Terrien, and Luann and John Poll represented COTB. This can be found on the COTB Facebook page.
- May 2 – Teacher Appreciation Day - Chuck Templer. There were 18 cars that participated, and the weather was better than last year. The teachers were surprised, and a few cranks on the engines prepared the teachers for what was ahead! Channel 5 and Fox 11 provided news coverage, which was later picked up nationally on CW14. A lunch was provided for the teachers and drivers. On a humorous/happy note: A teacher was going to retire, and when she exited a Corvette, she became tearful with joy. A 7th grade boy was hoping to have a Corvette escort to his 8th grade graduation. A kindergarten student has aspirations to become a teacher so she can participate in a Corvette ride! Thank you, Chuck, for all of your hard work putting this event together!

Upcoming Runs and Events:

- Best procedure for communicating a run - Dan Terrien, Deb VandenAvond. Please contact Deb at debvan64@sbcglobal.net to communicate an upcoming run.
- May 6 – Derby Dash - Deb VandenAvond. Time change to 5:00pm; the race lasts only 2-3 minutes. Nacho bar and dessert - \$18/person. Wear a hat and be eligible to win a prize.
- May 11 – Private COTB Sunset Cruise at Road America - Mark Nemetz. There are over 50 cars registered. Any questions about the electronic waiver, please see Mark. The question raised is, which Corvette will Darrel Burnett drive?
- May 20 – Corvettes and Coffee/Festa Italiano – At the Automobile Gallery parking lot. Starts at 8:00am – details can be found on the COTB website. Dan invited Valley Vettes, Fond De Vettes, Corvettes of the North, and The Kettle Moraine Corvette Clubs to join us for either or both of these events.
- May 21 – Lost Key Tap - Dan Linsen. Meet at Swan Club parking lot at 3:45pm, depart at 4:00. Follow a scenic route to Wrightstown. Rolling buffet starts at 5:30pm. \$36/person includes gratuities.
- May 24 – Memorial Day Flag Placement - Cathy Harrison. Allouez Catholic Cemetery, 8:00am – noon. Meet at Riverside Drive entrance, sandwiches will be provided. It is anticipated that 3,000 flags will be placed.
- June 4 – 52nd Annual Trip Around the Lake (Winnebago) - Robert Davidovich. Groups of Corvettes will start leaving at 9:00am from Fond du Lac, but Robert will meet any COTB members who would rather start the day later at Waverly Beach between 10:00am and noon. He will lead around the left side of the lake to the party at Holiday Chevrolet where there will be food and beverages. Call Robert for details or to meet up. Details on website.
- June 4 – Watches, Whiskey & Wheels Cruise-In, Diamonds & Gold - Dan Terrien. This is a mid-day cruise-in, features very nice high end watches, and Maldonado's food truck for a snack.
- June 11 – AllouezFest Car Show - Dan Terrien. A special area is designated for the Corvette Club, away from the grills!
- June 14 – WINEaLot Run - Joe and Mary Ann Torrez. Route to be determined due to road construction.
- June 17 – Cars & Guitars and the Drive to End Alzheimer's - Dan Terrien and Pete Bilski. For \$15 registration you can show your support and participate in a car parade through memory care facilities led by Automobile Gallery vehicles. If you would like to participate in the drive, \$5 of every registration goes to the Alzheimer's Association. All Drive to End Alzheimer's participants get grouped parking, 2 complimentary lunch tickets, and a commemorative metal dash plaque, plus everyone will receive a 50% discount on Gallery admission. There is an all-star band at 11:00, and the event is finished at 2:00pm.
- July 11 – Membership meeting rescheduled from July 4th.
- July 12 – Dinner run to Geno's Supper Club - Rick and Sally Northrop. This is a small supper club north of Black Creek, and the room reserved will only accommodate 30 people. If you are interested, please text Rick at 920-655-3555.
- September 14 – Daddy D's and Automobile Gallery - Luann Poll. Luann states there have not been many registered yet – it is certainly months ahead, but please register. There will be some surprises that you don't want to miss!

Corvette News:

- Jason Dellise reports adding modifications such as more horsepower, tail lights, fog lights, and headers. Jason is very particular about the modifications and wanted to ensure those who ride behind him are in for a treat!
- Greg Rohde states his friend from high school, Carl Liebeck, has a vintage shop in Plymouth. Carl is in the profession of race car preparation for Formula One cars. Greg is inquiring if there is an interest from the COTB members so he can facilitate a meeting at the shop and will pursue a date going forward.
- Terri Villiesse reports she and Ed traveled to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH. It took 8.5 hours to drive there and stopped 3 times along the way. It was a great experience!
- Mike Golla reports there is a car show at NWTC on May 7 – 800 cars expected to attend. The hours are 8a-4p. The proceeds go to the NWTC Automobile Program.
- Sally Northrop reports she and Rick will not be able to attend the Derby Dash she helped coordinate. Sally had a second cousin who was active in WWII in a raid over Romania, his plane was shot down, and his remains were never recovered. DNA samples were obtained and there was a match. Sally's cousin was brought back to Grafton, WI. This Saturday, the day of the Derby Dash, there will be a ceremony and he will be laid to rest.
- Club logo – A member inquired about the 50th Anniversary logo. President Dan reports a logo draft was submitted to GM for approval, and hopefully by summer there will be an update.
- Joe Rabideau states there is a car show at American Antiques Saturday, May 6.

No video tonight, so everyone can get their payments in for the three "last chance" runs.

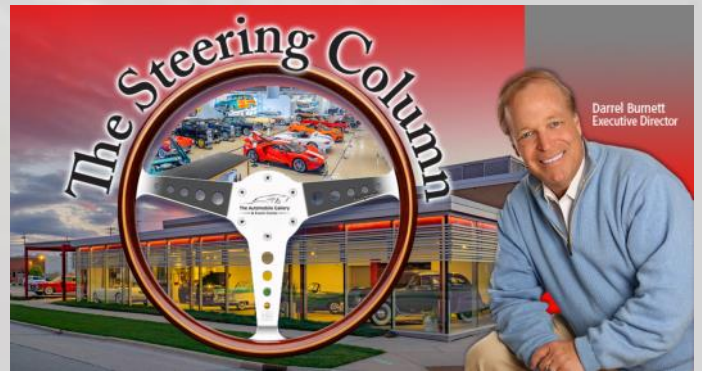
Please buy some scrip (gas and car wash cards) from Terri after the meeting!

Adjournment: President Dan asked for motion, motion made by Ken Lyman, meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary



"The Automobile is the Art"



From Fiberglass to Fiber Optics - Celebrating 70 Years of the Corvette!

It has always been my observation that the driving force behind innovation is antiquation. While that may seem counterintuitive, the basic fear of falling behind perpetually fuels accomplishment and, on rare occasions.....gives birth to brilliance. Sports cars are the perfect illustration. Sleek, sexy, and seductive by design, sports cars push the envelope of innovation while walking a tightrope of constant contradiction. They are created to make everyone want one....while being so exclusive that very few can actually get one. Had that premise played out, I wouldn't be writing this Steering Column celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Corvette because it would never have survived past its 3rd birthday!



Pretty shocking isn't it? The car named after the U.S. Navy's fastest and sleekest warship in World War II, nearly sank on dry land in 1955 due to poor sales. The American auto industry as we know it would look entirely different today without America's purest sports cars.



U.S. Navy Corvette

The genesis of the Corvette traces back to 1951 when GM's legendary Design Chief Harley Earl was inspired to create an American sports car that would double as a titan on the racetrack. From my perspective, the Corvette owes its existence to something that happened long before 1951.....a full two decades before..... in 1932.



That was the year a young chemical engineer named Games Slayter invented glass wool for use as thermal insulation for buildings. You know it by its patented name....fiberglass. It was a pairing of perfect timing and the perfect material. Aside from a brief 435-car run by the Kaiser Darrin in 1954, the Corvette remains the only mass-produced American car in history manufactured with a fiberglass body.



Pictured Above: Games Slayter

Wrestling with fiberglass in the early days was like trying to pet a porcupine. There were sticking points everywhere. Refining the fit and finish of 1950s fiberglass coupled with America's thirst for more than the weak-kneed Blue Flame 6-Cylinder engine threatened the Corvette's very existence. Crosstown rival Ford tried to throw the knockout punch with the introduction of the 1955 Ford Thunderbird and nearly succeeded as Corvette sales plummeted to just 700 in 1955.



Salvation arrived in the form of the flamboyant but combustible combo of Design Chief Bill Mitchell and Corvette Chief Engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov. They famously fought "over" the Corvette while fighting "for" the Corvette. Mitchell and Duntov's second generation split window Sting Ray revolutionized the auto industry and sales nearly doubled in 1963 to 21,414.



Reflecting on 70 years, fiberglass has aged out in favor of carbon fiber and fiber optics proving the Corvette is just as resilient as it is revolutionary. After staring down extinction on at least two other occasions, the 8th generation ranks among the finest sports cars in the world. Motor Trend Magazine agreed, naming the mid-engine C-8 Corvette *the Motor Trend Car of the Year* in 2020.



The Automobile Gallery & Event Center is one of the only places in the U.S. where you can see all 8 generations of the Corvette together. Harley Earl risked his reputation and his job on a dream of creating an American sports car that would double as a titan on the racetrack. Over the past quarter century, Corvette Racing has won 121 races around the world - the most of any professional sports car team in North America. What I wouldn't give to see Harley Earl come back for just one day to take his rightful place behind the wheel as the 2023 Corvette Z06 paces the 107th running of the Indy 500!



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

BRANDI McVEIGH (MAY 4)
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LINDA WALLANDER (MAY 14)
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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

MIKE AND CATHY REKITZKE (MAY 2)
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BILL AND BARB KOLTZ (MAY 24)
JERRY AND KAYE JACOBS (MAY 27)
DEAN AND TERESA KANE (MAY 30)

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.

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

MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS

2023

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

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| May 21 | Dan & Vickie Linssen | May | open |
| June 14 | Joe & Mary Ann Torrez | June | open |
| July 12 | Rick & Sally Northrop | July | open |
| August | open | Aug | open |
| September | open | Sept | open |
| October | open | Oct | open |
| November | open | | |
| December | open | | |

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

May 11 - Private Sunset Cruise at Road America
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June 14 - Veterans Home Visit
June 17 - Cars & Guitars and Drive to End Alzheimer's at The Automobile Gallery
Aug 26 - Ride With the Lights
Sept 14 - Daddy D's "Cruisin' to the Classics" at The Automobile Gallery
Summer Party open
Fall Run open
Chicken Run open
Holiday Party 2024 - Luann Poll, Deb VandenAvond, Sally Northrop

The weather is warming up and those beautiful Corvettes are coming out of storage, ready to be driven! Let's fill the calendar with dinner and ice cream runs and other fun events.

When you have selected a specific date for an event, e-mail the details to debvan64@sbcglobal.net. She will add it to the events calendar on the website and e-mail the information to club members.

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

FOR SALE:

ONE FULL SET OF C7 OEM CHROME WHEELS AND OEM MICHELIN PILOT SPORT CUP
2 ZP RUN-FLAT TIRES OFF MY 2019 CORVETTE GRAND SPORT 3LT. SET HAS 4200 MILES ON THEM, I CHANGED OVER TO THE Z06 WHEELS. WHEELS ARE IN PERFECT CONDITION, NO DINGS OR SCRATCHES. TIRES ARE AS YOU WOULD EXPECT WITH ONLY 4200 MILES ON THEM. ORIGINAL TPMS SENSORS ARE INSTALLED. SORRY, NO CAPS OR LUG NUTS.

ASKING \$3,400 OR MAKE AN OFFER. CALL OR TEXT CLUB MEMBER BOB DAVIDOVICH IN MENASHA, WI, AT 662-643-8620.



FOR SALE:

C-7 Corvette Z-51 Brake Pads. Front and rear. Less than 200 miles on them. \$150.00

Contact: Phil Lehl 920-309-3779 PHL1770@new.rr.com

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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