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

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Fueling Memories

As a kid, being able to pump the gas into my parent's car was a thrill. At 16, when I finally got to pull that rear license plate back (some of you know what this means) on my old Buick and buy gas for my own car, it was an even bigger deal. Now, the fill-up I look forward to is the first fill-up of the Corvette season.



Sometimes it takes awhile to burn up that tank from October. For some reason, I still find it oddly satisfying to fill up the Corvette's gas tank with fresh fuel in the spring. This year that day was June 9th, when I was able to take a spin up to Door County to do a little scouting for the club and find a little relaxation, at least for a little while.

Seeing a Corvette pace the 107th Indy 500 in person over Memorial Weekend was a bucket list experience.



Here's a rare sight from the Corvettes of the Bay display at AllouezFest on June 11th. A 1992 ZR1 owned by new member Nik Stahl (1 of 502) and a 2012 ZR1 owned by member Doug Cohen (1 of 404) side by side.



E-mail me your favorite Corvette memories of 2023 or plans that lay ahead to create them, and as always, keep up with Corvettes of the Bay at the events page at Corvettesofthebay.org!

With Premium!

Dan Terrien

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023

Call to order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:02pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 115 members in attendance.

Approval of May Minutes as posted:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Terri Villiessi 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 220 paid members – 42 singles, 89 duals, and 4 honorary members. Four new members joined in May. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report; motion was made by Dan Brunmeier. Motion carried.

Other News:

Board member Luann Poll received word on her way to the meeting that her sister was gravely ill in an Alabama hospital. Please keep Luann and her family in your prayers. John O'Connor, a former member, passed away 5/22/2023. The COTB was mentioned in his obituary.

Survey Results:

President Dan reports The Board of Directors analyzed the results and in the upcoming months we will provide additional information.

Membership:

New and potential members/guests in attendance –

- Bill Miede - Owner of a 2011 Red Convertible. Bill said he has been a member for several years but had not attended any meetings. He was happy to be here tonight.
- Curt and Kay Larscheid – Owners of a 2016 C7.
- Nik Stahl – Owner of a 1992 ZR1. Manages a body shop in Sturgeon Bay; he takes care of the detail side of the shop, including ceramic coating.
- Brandon Rohde's son (a future third generation member) was present for our meeting – he plans to own a Corvette in 2043!
- Frank Buth – Owner of a 2000 C5 Convertible.
- Joseph Hansel – Owner of a 1982 Black C3.

Past Runs/Events:

- May 6 – Derby Dash Days: Deb VandenAvond reports the event was held at The Village Grille, nacho buffet was provided. "Best Hat" winner was awarded to Luann Poll, whose hat was homemade!
- May 11 - Private Corvette Club only Sunset Cruise at Road America: Mark Nemetz reports there were 53 cars in attendance, everyone made the trip safely. Great run, no breakdowns, and a nice meal afterwards. Darrel Burnett, Executive Director of The Automobile Gallery, was present and awarded a beautiful Automobile Gallery jacket to COTB member Steve Rohr.
- May 18 – Car Session Recap & short presentation: Joe & Mary Ann Torrez. The Car Session Group meets the third Thursday of the month at a business or private residence, and was held at the Torrez home. Food was provided, great conversation, and camaraderie. There was a separate Corvette Corral for COTB members. As a finale to the evening, a video was shown of Joe Zepnick's 1955 Chevy "The Dragon" burnout as he was departing the event.
- May 20 – Corvettes and Coffee at The Automobile Gallery (44 people including 8 from Valley Vettes) & Festa Italiano: Dan Terrien. Another beautiful day, Darrel provided coffee and tea, tour around the Gallery. Darrel states there were 84 Italian cars on display valued at \$40 Million!
- May 21 – Lost Key Tap Dinner Run: Dan Linssen. Fifty people (28 cars) were in attendance. The owner of the Swan Club was surprised his parking lot was used to launch the Corvettes enroute to the dinner and requested we let him know if we want to meet there in the future. The ride was very nice, beautiful weather, and the members enjoyed a buffet dinner.
- May 24 – Memorial Flag Placement: Cathy Harrison. Twenty-two members met at the Allouez Catholic Cemetery to place 3700 flags. Imperial Inc. allowed their employees to participate in flag placement, and all was done by 10:00am. The following week, four members picked up the flags which took only an hour to complete.
- June 3 – Waterfront Mary's Bar and Grill: An impromptu run organized by Tony & Sally Steffen. Dan Brunmeier reports there were 10 cars in attendance – music provided by Dan Linssen. A great time was had by all!
- June 4 – 52nd Annual Trip Around the Lake (Winnebago): Robert Davidovich. There were 207 Vettes participating; food and beer were provided until 3:00pm. It was a beautiful day for a nice 77-mile drive around the Lake.
- June 4 – Watches, Whisky & Wheels Cruise-In Diamonds & Gold: Dan Terrien. Adam Funk, COTB member, is the owner of Diamonds & Gold, and this is the third time he hosted this event.

Upcoming Runs/Events:

- Opportunity: Mike Hanrahan, the director of sales at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor, reached out and invited COTB to stage a run, come to dinner at their restaurant The Carrington, use them as a starting or ending point, or have a bonfire at their facility.
- June 11 – AllouezFest Car Show: Dan Terrien reports they would like us at the park by 8:00am. If you attend later, let check-in staff know you're with COTB and you will be directed to our area. Dan will have the COTB tent and plaques which were earned over the years. Although there was a mishap with hamburger grease blowing on the Corvettes last year, we should be in a safer area this year. The Automobile Gallery will be at this event and we will be parked next to each other.
- June 14 – Veteran's Home run: Russ Tapley reports this is the sixth year the club participated, and it has become much more exciting. The Moose Lodge will bring the food and cook, which will be a tremendous help. Meet at 11:15am at Festival Foods on University Avenue, and the police department will escort to the Veteran's Home. At noon, Connie from Channel 5 News will play Taps, and Channel 5 will provide media coverage of this event. So far, 15 cars will participate, but we are striving for 50. Donations can be made to Russ and he will purchase needed items.
- June 14 - WINEaLot Run: Joe and Mary Ann Torrez will lead this run, meet at 5:00pm at Fleet Farm East Main Street; a map will be provided at that time.
- June 17 – Cars & Guitars and the Drive to End Alzheimer's: Dan Terrien and Pete Bilski report there are four routes planned. There is a \$15 fee, \$5 of which goes to the Alzheimer's Association, and \$10 to The Automobile Gallery. Select a route, meet at the designated beginning location for that route, and return to the reserved parking area at The Gallery. You have the option to participate in the run only and leave at your leisure.
- July 11 – Member meeting rescheduled from July 4th.
- July 12 – Dinner run to Geno's Supper Club: Rick & Sally Northrop report the run was filled by 10:00 the next morning after the May meeting. Rick will provide run details via e-mail to those who signed up.
- July 20 – Historic Carson Elevator, Brillion: Dale and Kathy Ott are planning a dinner run, more details to come.
- July 25 – Rennes Assisted Living Run: Dan Brunmeier. Leave Festival Foods in De Pere at 1:30pm; more details forthcoming.
- Aug 10 – Berg's Landing Dinner Run: Keith Bauer reports this is the club's seventh run to Berg's, and may be the last, as the business is for sale.
- Aug 26 – Ride with the Lights: Dan Terrien. This ride supports our police force and starts at the Sheriff's Department on Hoffman Road. The Officers will lead us throughout Brown County and end at Doc's Harley Davidson. More details to come.
- There was further discussion of a summer picnic at a member's home, or VFW, pavilions, parks, or Triangle Hill in Baird's Park.
- Sept 14 – Daddy D's Cruisin' to the Classics & Automobile Gallery: Diane Lyman reports 22 members have purchased tickets for this event and is encouraging more members to do so. Diane and Luann are working on having a food truck available at The Gallery prior to the show. A short Daddy D video was shown.
- Fall Run – Time is short, please bring ideas forward or "couple up" if you are willing to plan.
- There is a wide variety of other shows on the COTB community page. Invite your friends in COTB to join you by sending Deb an e-mail, and you've got a run planned.

Corvette News:

- Special presentation regarding Corvette judging – Greg Rohde. Greg brought his 1962 Corvette to an NCRS meeting (National Corvette Restorers Society), then to Bloomington, IL. Greg presented a large judging manual which outlines how the car should be restored as it came from the factory, including factory flaws! At the NCRS, Greg earned 4480 points out of 4500, and at the Bloomington event, he earned 7420 out of 7500. The third step along Greg's journey is to have his car judged at the MCACN (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals) in Chicago this fall, which he is considering to attend and reach the Triple Crown status. Great accomplishment, Greg! Dan asked for a show of hands for those who may be interested in a bus trip to Chicago to support Greg, and there is a great interest, in spite of the event coinciding with deer hunting.
- Harry Liebergen inquired about Scrip sales. Dan explained that the club makes 10% of the face value of the Shell gas cards that we sell. (*Editor's note: The club makes \$10 on each Kwik Trip car wash card that is sold.*) Members get the full value of the cards.
- Jim Pyle is one of the Event Coordinators with Celebrate De Pere Fest, and reports there were 3-4 COTB Corvettes in attendance at their car show this year. Plan for next year to attend.

Good of the Group (Non-Corvette related news, events, announcements):

- Bill and Cheryl Smet will celebrate their 50th Anniversary.
- Douglas Cohen has two AC Delco oil filters for free; they are for 1997-2006 models.
- Kelly Martin's birthday is June 7.
- Mike Golla inquired if anyone is going to the Road America for track day on 6/7.

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

Adjournment: President Dan asked for motion, motion made by Liz Kelling, meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

2004 C-5 Corvette

A License to Thrill!

Owner: Harry Liebergen



Harry Liebergen may have the shortest resume in history. Two simple but sensational words describe Harry's 60 years of Corvette craftsmanship...Mr. Vette! Those words adorn the license plate of Harry's flawless 2004 C-5 Corvette but, more importantly, his custom license plate symbolizes the 134 Corvettes Harry has owned in his lifetime and the hundreds more than he has restored, painted or customized over the past 6 decades as the owner of the legendary Green Bay shop *Painted by Harry Liebergen.*



Harry was still in grade school when the Corvette debuted in 1953, but he quickly made up for lost time. 134 Corvettes later, Harry is just as excited to see the next one as he was to see the first one at the age of 20 when he purchased a stock '62 Corvette. His zest for Vettes hasn't cooled over the past 6 decades though he is down to three these days, a 1964 Sting Ray convertible, a 1956 Custom Corvette and this all-original C-5 which is 1 of just 2,641 yellow Corvettes produced in 2004 out of a total run of 34,064. Harry uncovered this gem in Iola, WI with a mere 7500 miles on the clock in 2021 and has made it an old friend by nearly doubling the miles in the time since.



The engine in Harry's Corvette is like a pair of well-worn house slippers, always dependable and ready for the next destination. The venerable 5.7 Liter LS1 V-8 packs a punch with 350 horsepower and 375 lb. ft. of torque. It can certainly hold its own against modern day muscle with a 0-60 time of 5 seconds and a top speed of 175 mph.



While Harry's 2004 Corvette is deserving of this special display for the Corvettes of the Bay, Harry himself deserves to be honored. He was one of the founding members of Corvettes of the Bay in 1974 and has remained a member in good standing ever since as the club will soon celebrate its 50th birthday. If you happen to run up behind a yellow Corvette and see "Mr. Vette" on the license plate just smile and wave to a man who truly has a License to Thrill!

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

The Automobile Gallery

Many thanks to Harry Liebergen for displaying his beautiful C-5 Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.



Private Corvette Club Sunset Cruise at Road America - May 11



Derby Dash Days - May 6

It's all about the horses AND the hats!

Any wonder why this hat was awarded "BEST HAT" at this event?

Great job, Luann!



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

GENE STEVENS (JUN 1)
MIKE REKITZKE (JUN 2)
BILL SLOMA (JUN 2)
CHUCK TEMPLER (JUN 2)
KELLY MARTIN (JUN 7)
KAREN COHEN (JUN 10)
DONNA MUSIAL (JUN 12)
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GARY KELLING (JUN 28)
DARREL BURNETT (JUN 29)
TERRI LANG (JUN 29)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN AND LUANN POLL (JUN 1)
DAVE AND KATE RIEBE (JUN 1)
BILL AND CHERYL SMET (JUN 9)
MIKE AND DEBBIE SMET (JUN 11)
ED AND TERRI VILLIESSE (JUN 14)
CURT AND KAY LARSCHIED (JUN 15)
ED AND LINDA WALLANDER (JUN 17)
MARK AND FLUFFY AERTS (JUN 18)
CURT AND DEBBIE SCHWEINER (JUN 20)
DALE AND KATHY OTT (JUN 24)
JOHN AND KAY DAUGHERTY (JUN 28)
DOUG AND KAREN COHEN (JUN 29)

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

MONTHLY DINNER RUN LEADERS 2023

June 14 Joe & Mary Ann Torrez
July 12 Rick & Sally Northrop
July 18 Mark & Bev Hendricks
July 20 Dale & Kathy Ott
August 10 Keith & Linda Bauer
September open
October open
November open
December open

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

June open
July open
Aug open
Sept open
Oct open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

June 14 - Veterans Home Visit
June 17 - Cars & Guitars and Drive to End Alzheimer's at The Automobile Gallery
July 22 - Ride With the Lights (date changed from Aug 26)
July 25 - Rennes Nursing Home Visit
Aug 12 - Shanty Days
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

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!

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.

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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