



Vette Ventures

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

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Summer...

During the calendar-filling member meeting on July 11th, the parking lot never looked so good!



As passersby rolled through the lot to admire our Corvettes, we were able to meet several new members and discover that some current members purchased new Corvettes. This includes my own son and daughter-in-law, Hunter and Jasmina, who purchased their first Corvette at Cars & Guitars. Hunter is the same age that I was when I joined the club!

Whether you are a new member or a long-time member, you'll find plenty to do on our events page over the next couple months, that's for sure. My sincere thanks to all the members that are planning and leading runs and events! There are so many opportunities to drive those Vettes and to join with other Corvette owners for fellowship and fun. That's what Corvettes of the Bay is about!

Right now our runs span short to long, weekday to weekend, daytime to evening, and new to recurring. Members have parties, performances, and parades to look forward to (the rolling car show during Shanty Days is a parade!).

If none of these work for you, try planning a run yourself; maybe it will become an annual event! Remember the August member meeting is August 1st, so don't let it sneak up on you. As always, read the minutes and keep up with Corvettes of the Bay at the events page at Corvettesofthebay.org; it...

Provides a Great Menu of Activities!

Dan Terrien

P.S.: You are welcome to visit Global Recognition to browse or order merchandise with the new GM approved 50th Anniversary Corvettes of the Bay logo. Did you notice it on this page of our newsletter?



Dan and Hunter

"We made a contribution to the Village of Howard after our first official cruise together resulted in a couple of parking tickets."

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

Call to order: President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:01pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 108 members in attendance.

Condolences to COTB Board member Luann Poll: Dan Terrien. Luann lost two sisters since the last meeting; we are grateful that Luann, and her sister Chris, could be with us this evening. The club's thoughts and prayers are with Luann and her family.

Approval of June Minutes as posted:

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

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 231 paid members – 43 singles, 94 duals, and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report; motion was made by Rick Northrop. Motion carried.

Membership:

New and potential members/guests in attendance –

- President Dan's son, Hunter, and his wife bought their very first Corvette. It is a 2003 C5 Black Convertible which was bought at Cars and Guitars near the COTB display. Dan states he was also 27 when he joined COTB!
- Bob Zahn – from Gillett, owner of a 2023 Z06, Red Mist.
- Darren Hansen – 1970 Red Corvette

Survey Results: Luann Poll

Luann gave a presentation of the 10-page Member Survey. Please contact Luann if you are interested in viewing the answers to the survey.

Past Runs/Events:

- June 11 – Allouezfest: Dan Terrien. There were 25 COTB cars registered, 470 registered cars and between 4,000-5,000 spectators.
- June 14 – Veteran's Home Run: Russ Tapley. Russ states COTB had "eight seconds of fame on Channel 5." There were 25 cars/40 people from COTB. Russ recognized club members who helped make this event a success. Members provided 110 pairs of socks. Dennis and Barb Collins gave quilts to new veterans. Tom Harrison was one of the cooks, and Connie Feldman from Channel 5 played Taps, and offered to play next year. Green Bay Police Department escorted the group to the home. Russ also received monetary donations from several COTB members, which gave him the opportunity to purchase additional items for the veterans.
- June 14 – WINEaLot Run: Joe and Mary Ann Torrez. Joe reports there were six cars in attendance, good food and wine, and excellent music played by Dan Linsen.
- June 17 – Cars & Guitars and the Drive to End Alzheimer's: Dan Terrien and Pete Bilski. Pete reports there were 478 registered cars, which is a record number of attendees, and 75 cars on the drive, which is also a record. There were some issues that occurred such as a lack of parking for the COTB members who participated in the drive. There were four different routes, and some of the care facilities had very few residents outside of them. Pete and Darrel Burnett discussed COTB will continue to support the Alzheimer's Association, but may consider an alternate fundraiser next year such as a raffle at the 2024 Cars and Guitars Show. There is also a possibility to visit a specific facility where more residents can participate, such as Rennes.

Upcoming Runs/Events (Remember to wear your name badge):

- July 12 – Dinner run to Geno's Supper Club: Rick & Sally Northrop. 34 attendees have registered. This is a rain or shine event. Depart from Maplewood Shell at 3:45pm.
- July 18 – 3rd Annual Run to The Marq: Mark & Bev Hendricks. Meet at the Park & Ride across from the Brown County Sheriff's Department on Hoffman Road. The Marq donated two \$25 certificates for a drawing. Please RSVP to Mark and Bev. The Marq is also open to a car show at some time.
- July 20 – Ride to the Mill and Music in Brillion: Dale & Kathy Ott. There is a full bar, ice cream truck, bring your own food. Meet at 5:30pm at the Circle K, further details in upcoming e-mails.
- July 20 – Primal Eats: Brennan Smet. Brennan has cousins coming in from Virginia who are interested in cars and would like to meet for lunch. This will be a multi sports car run. Leave at 12:30pm from Festival Foods on Lineville.
- July 21 – Road America Morning Drive: Dan Terrien. Not a COTB run yet. 8:30am – Noon. An opportunity to drive a little faster than Sunset Cruises! Meet at the Tuft Center; \$25/person; and there will be a speaker from Mercury Marine.
- July 22 – Ride with the Lights (Previously in August): Dan Terrien. Meet at The Village Grille in Allouez (Hoffman Road) at 8:45am. The group will ride to the Brown County Sheriff's Department. A ceremony will be presented at that time, and the group will then be escorted to Doc's Harley Davidson. Details and pre-registration can be found on the events page at corvettesofthebay.org.
- July 25 – Rennes Run & Mystery Stop: Dan Brunmeier. Meet at Festival Foods in De Pere at 1:00, departure at 1:30pm for the grueling drive of two blocks! This is a great opportunity to give some of the residents a ride. There are five cars registered so far, and Dan can use some support for this event. Please contact Dan if interested.
- August 6 – St. Agnes Church Picnic/Car Show – Additional information can be found on the Community page at our website, or with Bill and Cheryl Smet.
- August 7 – Mystery Ice Cream Run: Rick & Sally Northrop. On the road at 1:30pm, meet at the south end of the parking lot at Citgo on Hwy B and I-41 in Suamico.
- August 10 – Berg's Landing Dinner Run. Keith Bauer was not present at the meeting; however, President Dan reports this could be the last year for this dinner run, as the restaurant is for sale.
- August 12 – Shanty Days: Marty & Sherry LaFond were not present at the meeting. President Dan reports the event is a fun time. Meet at 10:30am at the parking lot of Homestead Kitchen on County Road D and Hwy 54 in Algoma; departure time is 10:45am. The group will roll into a car show starting at Olson Fabricating. Cars participate in a parade fashion, and end at Lake Michigan. There are many vendors, including food, and a variety of bands. Please bring your own chair and a light jacket as we will be by the lake. Please refer to the website for additional information.
- August 15 – Impromptu Garage Session: Greg Rohde reports he was unable to rev up his 1962 Corvette for this evening's meeting, so instead, he and his lovely wife, Kathy, will open their home for this event; it will be posted on the website. The event is scheduled from 5:00-7:00pm; beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Greg will put his car on a jack stand for all to enjoy the different components of the car, which was built for racing. There were 244 Corvettes built this way in 1962, a rare find! Greg would appreciate a great turnout to "terrorize the neighborhood!!"
- August 16 – Trip around Lake Poygan/Lunch at The Fin & Feather in Winneconne: Fred Bartman. Depart from the Kwik Trip on Hwy 41 and County S at 10:00am. This trip will take you approximately 100 miles to the restaurant through the back roads. Additional information will be sent via e-mail.
- August 27 – COTB Summer Party, Picnic and Potluck: Patty Edinger. This event will be held from 3:00-7:00pm at Patty's home. The main entrée will be chicken, the rest is potluck. Please let Patty know by 8/12 if you can attend. Patty also informed the group this will give her motivation to clean out her deceased husband's six-stall garage (in addition to the attached three-stall garage). Patty also scheduled a rummage sale at her home Friday and Saturday with many items for sale.
- Chula Vista – Every spring and fall, Chula Vista hosts "Corvette Adventures." They hold micro runs from Chula Vista. President Dan provided fliers at the meeting.
- September 14 – Daddy D's & Auto Gallery: Luann Poll & Diane Lyman. Diane reports there were 45 tickets sold to COTB club members, and there are 70 tickets available. Dinner is not provided, however, there will be a food truck available. Doors open at 5:00pm, show starts at 6:00pm. Please register at Daddy D's website if interested.
- January 5, 2024 – COTB Christmas Party: Luann Poll. The Christmas party will be held at The Automobile Gallery. It is also the beginning of the COTB 50th Anniversary year and a great way to kick it off big!!!

Corvette News:

- President Dan reports the 50th Anniversary COTB logo is complete and approved by GM. This has been a project initiated six months ago in partnership with GM and Global Recognition, and the goal was to achieve a C-8 logo appropriate for the club's 50th Anniversary. You may purchase items with the 50th Anniversary logo for the year of 2024. Samples on paper were available at the meeting, but can be seen on the homepage at the COTB website.
- New & ongoing coordination with Garage Sessions to support Ronald McDonald House: Gene Blohowiak. Gene has been associated with the Garage Session group for over 30 years, and they discussed involvement with COTB. It is as simple as collecting can tabs. Garage Sessions took first place two years ago by bringing in over 200 pounds of aluminum, and this year collected 336 pounds. All tabs are collected and brought to "Back to the 50's Car Show" in spring. All tabs are weighed and first and second places are awarded accordingly, and this is a competition between car clubs. All tabs can be delivered to Gene.
- Show Corvettes are needed for the COTB display at The Automobile Gallery. See Dan Terrien. Doug Cohen's ZR1 is currently on display.

Corvette News/Modifications/Tech Tips:

- Mike and Deb Smet have a new 2023 Corvette.
- Tony and Kathy Yaggie are the proud owners of a 2023 Torch Red Stingray!
- Tony and Sally Steffen have 99.9% ownership of a Z51 3LT at Gandrud. It is Silver Flare Metallic, however, there are parts needed. Tony and Sally are anxiously awaiting the arrival of parts!
- Former long-time member Stan DeMoulin has mirrored blue C3 T-Tops off a '78 FREE to a good home [920-265-8296](tel:920-265-8296). It was learned at the meeting that they have been already claimed by a member.
- Restaurant reporting: Ed Villiesse. Ed reports Michelle McCormack from Channel 5 has a list of Wisconsin restaurants that COTB members may be interested in arranging a dinner run to. The list can be found at wisconsinupperclubs.com.
- Update on NCRS judging for Greg Rohde's '62 Corvette/Video: Greg Rohde showed a video from Bloomington Gold where he recently returned from having his 1962 judged, and the theme of the show this year was the Z06.

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

Adjournment: President Dan asked for a motion, motion made by Dan Brunmeier, meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

2012 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1

A Corvette Fit for a King!

Owner: Douglas Cohen



Corvettes of the Bay member Douglas Cohen is used to being in fast company and has a land speed record on his resume to prove it, but it was his "fast thinking" that scored Douglas his 2012 Crystal Red Metallic Corvette ZR1. It wasn't so much that this ZR1 was out of his reach, it was nearly out of the country. Fresh from the factory, this ZR1 was unloaded at C & O Motors in Saint Albans, West Virginia, where a Middle Eastern Sheikh purchased the car off the lot and had it shipped to the east coast for transportation to the Middle East.

A change of heart led to a change of fate. At the last minute, the Sheikh backed out of the deal leaving the ZR1 and his \$25,000 deposit behind. A salesman retrieved the ZR1 and returned to the dealership in Saint Albans West Virginia where it was sold a second time only to be returned a second time days later. In this case, the third time was the charm! Local Corvette lover Todd Ruthers, who had his eye on the car from the day it arrived, didn't take any chances. He quickly bought the ZR1 before it could disappear again.

Four years and 5,000 miles later, Todd was still in love with his ZR1, but he loved his wife more. She really wanted to drive their Corvette but couldn't handle a manual transmission. The difficult decision was made to sell their ZR1 and purchase a Corvette with an automatic transmission. Fate stepped in which led to Douglas swapping his low-mileage 2006 Corvette and cash for Todd's 2012 ZR1.

Securing his dream machine may have been a slow process, but this perfect pair has been anything but slow since. A 225-mph speedometer is the tip off that this isn't your ordinary Corvette. The first 205-mph Corvette in history has been raced in the Nebraska Open Road Challenge in Arnold, Nebraska, tackled the track at Road America and even made a road trip to Mount Rushmore with Douglas behind the wheel.

A monster Supercharged LS9 - 6.2 Liter V-8 claims all the real estate in the engine compartment as it peeks through a clear glass insert in the hood. All that mass translates into to a sinister 638 horsepower and a top end of 205 mph. With that off-the-charts performance, it isn't surprising that the records stacked up at the famous Nürburgring track in Germany. A Corvette with that kind of performance can be a handful for most. For Douglas Cohen, this ZR1 is.....sjust his speed!



*Thank you, Doug,
for displaying your
beautiful car at The
Automobile Gallery.*



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



The Automobile Gallery

June 14 - Veterans' Home Visit

Twenty-five Corvettes participated in this event. There was a police escort to the Veterans' Home, and coverage from WFRV Channel 5 News, which included an interview with member Russ Tapley. Connie Feldman from Channel 5 played Taps.



Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Our club has been asked to join the members of Garage Sessions to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House Charity raises monies for families who need a place to stay while attending to their children at a Milwaukee children's hospital.

All we are asked to do is collect tabs from aluminum cans. Bring them to our monthly meetings and deposit them in the collection jar. Members Linda & Gene Blohowiak will weigh and record what we collect and donate to the Garage Sessions Group.

This is all part of a larger competition between car clubs to raise monies for Wisconsin Ronald McDonald House. Last year the Garage Sessions Group collected 220 lbs from NE Wisconsin, and this year collected 336 lbs. For this effort, they have finished in first place the last two years!



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KEITH AND SARAH LEDDEN (JUL 18)
CLINT AND GINA BARTH (JUL 21)
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MARK AND KELLY NEMETZ (JUL 24)
DENNIS AND MARILYN HEIM (JUL 28)

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2023

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

July 18 Mark & Bev Hendricks
July 20 Brennan Smet
Aug 10 Keith & Linda Bauer
Aug 16 Fred & Penny Bartman
September open
October open
November open
December open

July open
Aug 7 Rick & Sally Northrop
Sept open
Oct open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

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Aug 15 - Rohde's Garage Session - Greg & Kathy Rohde
Aug 27 - SUMMER PARTY - Patty Edinger
Sept 14 - Daddy D's "Cruisin' to the Classics" at Auto Gallery - Luann Poll & Diane Lyman
Jan 5, 2024 - HOLIDAY PARTY - Luann Poll
Fall Run open
Chicken Run open

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.



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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