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

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Service

Imagine if 39 people banded together dedicated to forming a club that would go on to last **50 years**. How involved do you think each member would need to be in order to make that happen? I'm guessing they would all need to contribute to make it work.

What if 10% of those people maintained their membership for the full **50 years**? That's the story of your club, Corvettes of the Bay. That's also why, effective 2019, we have four honorary members. What an awesome history!

Our club now has almost 250 members representing over 140 different households, wow!

So when I mention service, I'm not talking about maintaining our Corvettes or the mild refurbishing Hunter and I are doing to my '96 Corvette. I'm talking about what you saw in August.

You've all heard "many hands make light work" and we saw that play out at Patty's potluck summer party on August 27th. Of course, Patty and her wonderful family did the heavy lifting, but everyone (over 100 people) contributed something.

Perhaps the most memorable contribution that day was the Northrop's mini-cruise, (47 Corvettes strong) past the Lyman home to honor the memory of Ken. That's service, and reflective of what I mentioned last month, the real spirit of being in a club.

Sometimes service looks like hard work, but is there anything really worthwhile in life that doesn't require some dedication?

Like it or not, we need an *absolute minimum* of two people to run for office. They will serve on the board of directors as president and vice-president alongside five other dedicated board members and two un-elected officials.

Our nomination committee is Sue Rabideau 920-362-5404 and Dan Brunmeier 920-680-8382. Please do some soul searching and ask yourself if it is time to serve...or is it time to serve again?

Nominate or self-nominate, or simply inquire with Sue or Dan. Remember that most of our existing board will likely stay in place and I'll be serving as Immediate Past President, there to help.

Our next meeting is October 3rd. Until then, represent Corvettes of the Bay well and drive those Corvettes!

Dan Terrien

P.S.: You are welcome to visit Weber Bowling (who has made our name badges for decades) or Global Recognition to browse or order merchandise with the new GM approved 50th Anniversary Corvettes of the Bay logo.

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023

Call to order:

President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:04pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 94 members in attendance.

- Dan congratulated Guy Ringle and Elizabeth Vieau on their recent marriage as the club wrapped up a pre-meeting celebration complete with wedding cake.
- Dan read a thank you card from Luann Poll who had two sisters pass away recently.
- Many COTB members gathered on August 30th for Ken Lyman's funeral; he will be sorely missed.
- John Gunnell "Gunner" passed away August 24th – Famed automotive author, Session Member contributor to the October– December COTB newsletters in 2022.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes as posted:

President Dan called for a motion to approve the August minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier; 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 244 paid members; 42 singles, 101 duals, and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Cheryl Yursis; motion carried.

Membership:

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

- Clint and Gina Barth, owners of a 2022 Red Mist Stingray.
- New COTB membership recruitment cards are available at the front table.
- Weber Bowling, who makes our name badges, has our new 50th anniversary logo as an option. You can also order merchandise from them.
- Apparel and merchandise can also be ordered from Global Recognition; Luann had sample shirts at the table for examples.
- We will start taking membership renewals October 1. Memberships that come in during the 4th quarter of the year are good through December 31, 2024.

Elections:

- Dan reviewed election protocols and associated by-laws.
- Board members serve 1-year terms, and no one is to exceed 3 consecutive years on the board. Any past board member may run again after taking 1 year off.
- Any member in good standing can run for any position on the board.
- We need nominations or self-nominations for two positions that will be vacated at the end of this year.
 - *President* – Dan Terrien will have completed 2 years as president and will fall into the Immediate Past President board position, which occupies one of the member at large positions.
 - *Vice-President* – Jason Dellise will have served 3 years.
- Member at Large – Chuck Templer will be stepping down after serving 2 years.
- Mary Ann Torrez, Terri Villiesse, Luann Poll, and Cathy Harrison have agreed to run again for their respective positions.
- Nominating committee.
 - The committee includes Sue Rabideau 920-362-5404, and Dan Brunmeier 920-680-8382.
 - The committee must seek interested and qualified individuals.
 - The committee will report its nominations at the October member meeting.
- Any member may make additional nominations leading up to or during the October meeting provided prior consent of the nominee was secured.
- Everyone will be mailed a hard copy of the October newsletter with voting instructions and a ballot.

Member of the Year Nominations:

- Send all nominations to Jason Dellise by email jasondellise@yahoo.com or text 920-619-7682.
- You can send the name of any member or members. A name is enough, but it does help if you include a line or two about why you are nominating that member.
- The board of directors will decide on the Member of the Year at their December Board meeting.
- The board will vote based on the following general qualifications:
 - Active and involved in the club
 - Willing to share ideas to improve the club
 - Demonstrated willingness to help grow the club in numbers and activities.
 - Heavily involved in planning events
 - Fun to be with
- The Member of the Year will be awarded at our Christmas party January 5, 2024.

Past Runs and Events:

- Aug 5 – Gandrud (our sponsor) car show: Several COTB members attended the car show, and Joe Torrez mentioned that Tom Largo, President of the Car Sessions, won an engine sponsored by Gandrud.
- Aug 6 – IMSA Weekend at Road America: Mike Golla was in attendance and reported great weather and event; there was also a GT3 race car valued at \$750,000! Brad Yaggie also attended and reports there was an "E-Ray" on display, a carbon fiber vehicle, which was very unique.
- Aug 7 – Ice Cream Run – Rick & Sally Northrop: There were 16 cars participating, and the unexpected "Aerial Show" was a crop duster!
- Aug 10 – Berg's Landing Dinner Run: Keith Bauer. There were 40 members (20 cars) in attendance for the dinner; a great time had by all!
- Aug 12 – Shanty Days: Marty & Sherry LaFond were not present at the meeting; however, President Dan did attend this event and of the 30 cars that met at Olson Fabricating, 27 were of COTB members. Mike Golla gave the kids at the event a thrill with the roar of his engine. A wonderful time!
- Aug 15 – Emerald Bay and Mystery Run - Dan Brunmeier: There were 11 cars in attendance that brought great joy to the residents. There were three or four residents who were "frequent flyers" of riding in the cars! The Mystery Stop was at Jackson Point at Crystal Springs Golf Course.
- Aug 16 – Lake Poygan Lunch Run: Fred Bartman was not present at the meeting. Terri Villiesse, who did participate in the run, reports it was a beautiful run, two hours around the lake. There were 39 people in attendance.
- Aug 27 – COTB Summer Party, Picnic and Potluck: Patty Edinger hosted this event – such a beautiful day! There were 55 Corvettes signed up, 106 members, 50 different dishes shared, and an abundance of chicken! Patty shared that her grandchildren helped set up the tables in their big garage with colored tablecloths, in the event of anticipated rain – but it was not needed! Sally Northrop arranged a memorial ride past the home of Diane Lyman at 4:00, in memory of Ken Lyman, who passed away on August 23. President Dan noted that there were 47 Corvettes who participated in this run.

Upcoming Runs and Events (Remember to wear your name badges)

- Sept 7 – West of the Lake Gardens and Cool City Brewery - Dale and Kathy Ott: Meet at the Shell Station on Hwy 54/57 at 1:15 and leave at 1:30pm. Details may be found on the COTB website.
- Sept 14 – Daddy D's & Auto Gallery: Luann Poll reports there are only 8 tickets left; and a surprise is in store! A food truck will be at the grounds starting at 3:00pm, doors open at 5:00pm.
- Sept 26 – Rohde's Garage Session & Neighborhood Invasion: Greg Rohde reports he and his lovely wife, Kathy, will host a get-together starting at 5:30pm until 7:30 with wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres. Greg will have his 1962 Corvette on jack stands, so you can appreciate the efforts in restoring such a fine vehicle. Please contact Greg if you plan to attend.

What runs or gatherings can we add to our calendar:

- Sept 9 – First United Christ of Church: Dan Brunmeier reports this church will host its first car show starting at 8:30 am.
- Sept 10 – Our Savior Lutheran Church, Denmark: Mike Golla reports there will be booyah, chili and Bill Jartz hosting a live auction.
- Sept 16 – Harvest Fest, Downtown Sturgeon Bay: From 8:00am-4:00pm – Car show, arts and crafts, music.
- Sept 30 – Kettle Run: Liz Kelling states she and Gary are planning this run which will meet at 10:00am in De Pere (details forthcoming) and leave at 10:15am. Please text Liz at 920-627-1322 to register. Lunch will be at Three Guys and a Grille.
- Sept 30 – AUTOberfest at The Automobile Gallery: Darrel Burnett states there are over 100 German cars registered – enjoy the cars, German food, beer, desserts, wine, and chocolate!
- Please review the many car shows not mentioned here at the COTB community page for more details; Deb VandenAvond puts tireless hours into entering this information!

Corvette News:

- August 28-31, 2024, National Corvette Caravan (held every 5 years) and NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration, Bowling Green, KY: Luann Poll and Jason Dellise. Several COTB members expressed interest in participating in this event.
- Aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House - Gene or Linda Blohowiak. Tabs from soup or vegetable cans can also be used!

Good of the Group:

- Dan shared that his Corvette is not at the meeting this evening because it is apart in his son, Hunter's, garage - they are in the process of replacing 28-year-old brake lines, power booster, fuel pump, gaskets, and bushings to make it safe for a long journey.
- Tony and Kathy Yaggie will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on 9/6.
- Tony and Sally Steffen will celebrate 55 years of wedded bliss on 9/7.
- Guy Ringle and Elizabeth Vieau were recently married – cake was shared by everyone to celebrate their special day!
- Dan Brunmeier reports he spoke with the manager of the Swan Club – he would appreciate being notified prior to using their parking lot for future events.

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

Adjournment: President Dan asked for motion; motion made by Dan Brunmeier, meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

1986 Corvette Convertible

Owner: Joe Rabideau



Before the ball could drop in Times Square on New Year's Eve, Chevrolet dropped the hammer on the entire sports car sector in 1986. It was a magical year when Chevrolet broke free from the government's Darth Vader death grip on the American auto industry and crashed the party with a Corvette ready to blow the top off the sports car market....or at least lower the top! After an unthinkable 11-year drought without a convertible in the lineup, the Corvette roared back to relevance with a droptop for the first time since 1975. Setting the pace in a landscape

littered with underpowered econoboxes of the era is one thing but setting the pace for the prestigious Indy 500 for just the second time in history was a new high.

As if the Corvette wasn't flying high enough already, General Chuck Yeager, one of the greatest combat pilots in American history and the first to break the sound barrier, was the perfect choice to pilot the 1986 Corvette Pace Car at the 70th running of the Indianapolis 500.



General Chuck Yeager

To commemorate the occasion, all 7,315 Corvette convertibles produced in 1986 were Pace Car replicas and shipped with the Pace Car graphics leaving the buyer to decide whether to put them on the car.

Maybe Corvettes of the Bay member Joe Rabideau wasn't setting the pace at the 500, but he was certainly winning the race back home in Green Bay, WI. As a member of the sales department at Woody Jepsen Chevrolet at the time, Joe did most of the ordering of new cars and had the inside track the moment news broke about the Corvette convertible. Joe immediately jumped into action ordering every option available including a 4-speed with overdrive. By the next morning, Joe turned an order for the dealership into a personal purchase and this gorgeous, fully optioned white Corvette Pace Car with red leather interior was all his.....and still is 37 years later! What arrived in plastic wrap in April 1986 turned out to be the 1,306th Corvette produced out of total run of 35,109 that year.



Putting the emphasis back on performance in 1986 generated numbers that stand up in any era. This beauty also has plenty of brawn with its venerable 350 V-8 scampering 0 - 60 in 5.8 seconds, covering a ¼ mile in 14.4 seconds on its way to a 150-mph top speed. Along with a fast car, we understand Joe had to do some pretty fast talking back in the day too when he arrived home 37 years ago and showed his young wife Sue his new purchase. All these years later, we at The Automobile Gallery & Event Center are happy to report that Sue, Joe and their 1986 Corvette Convertible have a perfect marriage!



“The Automobile Is The Art”
by Wm “Red” Lewis



The Automobile Gallery

Thank you, Joe and Sue Rabideau, for displaying your beautiful 1986 Corvette Convertible at The Automobile Gallery.



2023 Summer Party/Picnic/Potluck—August 27

THANK YOU to Patty Edinger for hosting a fabulous party!!



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 Templer

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MICHAEL SCHOTT (SEP 1)
SHERI DAVIDOVICH (SEP 2)
ROGER JOHNSON (SEP 5)
PAUL SCHMIT (SEP 5)
RANDY JACOBS (SEP 7)
KEITH LEDDEN (SEP 7)
DIANA HAMACHER (SEP 9)
JASON DELLISE (SEP 15)
CHARLES MAUS (SEP 16)
JIM PYLE (SEP 16)
MARTIN (MARTY) HOCKERS (SEP 18)
BETTY BYRNES (SEP 19)
MIKE HANNON (SEP 19)
DAVID WICKERT (SEP 20)
KEN TEDFORD (SEP 21)
PATRICIA EDINGER (SEP 22)
HARRY LIEBERGEN (SEP 22)
CHRIS TEMPLER (SEP 24)
FLUFFY AERTS (SEP 25)
DENNIS AUGUSTINE (SEP 25)
DON JAEGER (SEP 25)
IRIS JENKEL (SEP 27)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

BRANDON AND ANGELA ROHDE (SEP 2)
CHRIS AND TERRI BOETTCHER (SEP 6)
TONY AND KATHY YAGGIE (SEP 6)
CHARLES AND BARBARA MAUS (SEP 7)
TONY AND SALLY STEFFEN (SEP 7)
KALE AND DIANA HAMACHER (SEP 10)
PHILLIP AND DONNA LEHL (SEP 16)
JAMES AND LYNN STEINBRECHER (SEP 16)
DON AND DEB VANDENAVOND (SEP 22)
DAVID AND DEB BOETTCHER (SEP 23)
JOHN AND SANDY JOHNSON (SEP 30)

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2023

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

September 30 Liz & Gary Kelling
October open
November open
December open

Sept open
Oct open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

Sept 14 - Daddy D's "Cruisin' to the Classics" at Auto Gallery - Luann Poll & Diane Lyman
Sept 26 - Rohde's Garage Session - Greg & Kathy Rohde
Sept 30 - AUTOberfest at The Automobile Gallery - Darrel Burnett
Jan 5, 2024 - HOLIDAY PARTY - Luann Poll
Aug 28-31, 2024 - National Corvette Caravan - Luann Poll & Jason Dellise

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.

Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Our club is collecting pop can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please save your tabs for this worthwhile cause, and bring them to our monthly meetings. You can give them to Gene or Linda Blohowiak.



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 \$3,000 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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7:00 pm*

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