



Vette Ventures

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

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The Makings of a Short Winter

For a cold, dark evening, I noticed that we had some great Vette representation as I walked into our November member meeting. Who could miss the mysterious C2 parked outside the door? Even with no club election to work through this year, I knew we would have plenty to talk about during that night.

Towards the end of the meeting, we learned that Harry Liebergen sold a 1964 fuel injected convertible 28 years ago to a friend with the understanding Harry had first right of refusal if he ever decided to sell it. Almost three decades later that phone call came and Harry was reunited with this fine Corvette. It has less than 2000 more miles on it than it did the day Harry sold it all those years ago!

In that same story telling spirit, Luann is looking for pictures from the past and hopefully a few stories to go with them. She would like to use pictures at our upcoming holiday party on January 5th at The Automobile Gallery. Please send her some good ones! lupoll1955@gmail.com

We are going into 2024 strong with many renewals coming in. A good example of that momentum was when club member Bill Miede announced a Veteran's Day Run that he had put together on short notice to the Green Bay Yacht Club's 19th Annual Veteran's Day Commemoration. It was great seeing a unique and worthy run presented late in the season, and I look forward to hearing about how it went.

We may also hear some stories from Darrell Bringe and Mark Finco, who are planning to attend the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL on November 18th.

Looking ahead, memberships are being renewed at a healthy clip because people want to be a part of the 50th anniversary. Luann Poll, even after having suffered the unimaginable tragedy of losing four close family members and a good friend all in this past year, has passionately forged ahead in planning our 50th anniversary kick-off & Christmas party to be held at The Automobile Gallery.

Luann is also leading the way in coordinating Corvettes of the Bay's participation in the National Corvette Caravan and NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration to be held in Bowling Green, KY August 28-31, 2024. If you are interested, it would be good to reach out to Luann **now** to coordinate, but read the packet she thoughtfully put together FIRST, and book your hotel rooms...*yesterday!*

Each board member has duties to perform and leads in various ways throughout the year. If you are a club member, it is expected that you'll serve the club in some way. Going into this momentous year for our club, it will be all hands on deck. As we always say, the club is what you put into it. ***If you have an idea of what you'd like to experience during the 50th anniversary year, my suggestion is to roll up your sleeves and please don't leave it all up to the board. You'll be glad you took action.***

Dan Terrien

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

Call to Order/Silence Phones:

President Dan Terrien called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 89 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve October Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report – Terri Villiesse:

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 245 paid members; 43 singles, 101 duals, and 4 honorary members. President Dan called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report; motion was made by Vicki Blahnik; motion carried.

Membership:

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance – None at this meeting.

We are taking membership renewals now. Memberships that come in now are good through December 31st, 2024.

Board of Directors and Election Clarification:

President Dan reports that normally the club election is held for the next board of directors at the November meeting and the new board is announced at the December meeting. This year the number of candidates matched the number of open positions, so no election was held. Tony Yaggie is your President-elect and Guy Ringle is your Vice-President-elect. Their terms begin in January, and January 2nd will be the first meeting Tony will run.

Annual Budget:

Section 5.13 of the By-Laws says the Board will prepare a budget to be discussed and approved by members at the "annual meeting" which is the December member meeting. "Modifications to the budget can be voted on by the members to reflect changes in income, membership interest or unique opportunities." The Board will be meeting prior to our December 5th member meeting to prepare this.

Member of the Year Nominations:

- Send all nominations to Jason Dellise at jasondellise@yahoo.com or 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 next board meeting based on these 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, and fun to be with.
- The Member of the Year will be awarded at our Christmas party January 5, 2024.

Corvette Related Videos – Dan Terrien on behalf of Greg Rohde:

- Greg has hunted for Corvette related videos over the past few years to enhance our meetings.
- Content primarily includes history of the Corvette, Corvette racing and industry news. One of Greg's goals is to mix up the meetings with information not everyone knows and add something you can't find in the newsletter or on our website.

Meeting Considerations:

- Technology has changed from Allouez to Bellevue and again recently with the new sound system. Jim Pyle has offered to assist Greg with the audio moving forward so we can transition in a smoother and faster way into the video.
- President Dan states he tries to deliver a one-hour meeting, so his direction over the past year has been to include Greg's video if the meeting's business will come in under one hour. If it appears the meeting will run long, Dan will ask Greg to postpone; the majority of members voted in favor of this proposal. Members also voiced the videos last for 15 minutes at the most. Dan will bring this information to the next Board meeting for review.
- Noteworthy: Greg left on Oct 31st to attend the London to Brighton Car Rally for cars 1904 and older! (He presented a video on that a couple years ago.)

Meeting Place:

We will likely be moving back to the main Village Grille location during the months January-April, 2024. The Board will communicate with Cathy, the owner, and provide an update.

Past Runs and Events:

- Ron Fellows Corvette Driving School – Mark Finco: The school is west of Las Vegas, a great facility, 120 Corvettes in the parking lot. Three tracks were available for teaching techniques for your particular vehicle.
- Oct 12 – Tour of race car driver Carl Liebich's Motorsports Enterprises Preparation and Maintenance shop in Plymouth with Greg Rohde: Rick Northrop and Tony Steffen attended this event and reported it was a unique opportunity to see this facility.
- Oct 14 – Chicken Run, Manor on Main (Wausaukee) - Rick & Sally Northrop: The day started with rain, but turned sunny and was a great day for 16 cars and family style chicken with ice cream for dessert at The Front Porch!
- Oct 19 – Pine Tree Supper Club dinner run - Joe & Sue Rabideau: There are new owners at this facility, but the quality of food is excellent. It started a rainy evening, but a wonderful time was had by all.

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

- Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Run Green Bay Yacht Club's 19th Annual Veteran's Day Commemoration: Bill Miehle addressed the e-mail sent to the club by Diane Lyman about this event, which is a wonderful celebration for our club members who served our country. Please see COTB website for run details.
- Nov 18 – Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL: Darrell Bringe and Mark Finco are planning to attend this event and are excited to see the new and upcoming changes to the show.
- Jan 5, 2024 – Christmas Party & 50th Anniversary Kick off - The Automobile Gallery – Luann Poll: Luann states she had several family members pass this year, but she is trying her best to plan a memorable start of the club's 50th anniversary. Luann will not disappoint with surprises as she is known for!
- Aug 28-31, 2024, National Corvette Caravan (held every 5 years) and NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration, Bowling Green, KY: Luann Poll and Vicki Blahnik planning. More details to come!

Corvette News/Good of the Group:

- New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tip – No Rosion. President Dan reports this is a product he uses when he stores his 1996 Corvette; it keeps the engine clean and neutralizes ethanol in the tank.
- Tony Steffen reports he has a front splitter for a C8 for free, or would consider a trade for cookies!
- Mike Rekitzke just bought a 2024 Z51 Red Mist/Natural Interior!
- Joe Rabideau has a 2015 Z06 Convertible Corvette for sale.
- Carol Jacobs' 2021 HTC Z51 Convertible is at the Automobile Gallery until November 28, and after that Greg Rohde's award winning '62 goes in. Who's interested in representing in 2024 – please see Dan.
- Harry Liebergen shared his story about a Corvette he sold 28 years ago to a friend, who promised if he were to sell again, he would notify Harry. Well, as the story goes, Harry was contacted and was reunited with his 1964 Corvette! Harry mentioned it may be worthwhile to extend an invitation to former club members to attend the 50th anniversary party (which is yet to be planned) because that is something they did for the 25th anniversary party.
- Joe Rabideau reports he has five or six heated spots available for storage.
- Luann is looking for pictures/stories for the holiday party of runs in the past, or anything else you would like to share; just send to her and she will take care of the rest!
- Aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House - Gene or Linda Blohowiak.

Adjournment Motion and Approval:

Adjournment: President Dan asked for a motion; motion made by Dan Brunmeier; meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

2021 Chevrolet C8 Corvette Z51 Sting Ray



From Old School to Racing School!



Corvettes of the Bay member Carol Jacobs wasn't any stranger to Corvette culture when her 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue C8 Corvette Z51 finally arrived. Carol cut her teeth on piston pounding 1970s Muscle Cars with a pure passion for the earlier breed of Corvettes. Her first Vette was an old school Steel Cities Gray 1971 T-top that she kept for 21 years but, when she eventually parted ways, Carol waded her way through multiple generations of Corvettes waiting for her passion to fit the fashion. An average weeknight November 7th, 2019, turned into an internet adventure when Carol found herself ordering the newly designed and highly anticipated mid-engine C8 Corvette. When her fingers finished flying across the keyboard, she had added the \$5000 Z51 performance package which added a sportier suspension setup, beefed-up Brembo brakes, stickier tires and, oh yes, and another 5 horsepower.

The wait was agony, but the result was ecstasy. Carol remained patiently parked on the sidelines for a full 501 days awaiting the arrival of her Elkhart Lake Blue C8 Z51 Corvette. Delays included an eternal list of back orders caused by COVID, but the magical day finally came March 23rd, 2021, when she took delivery from Gandrud Chevrolet in Green Bay, WI. As if the sinister black wing rising out of the rear isn't evidence enough, this soft top isn't any soft touch. The 6.2 Liter 2LT V-8 is tuned like a Stradivarius and backs up its sweet sound with a 0-60 time of 2.9 seconds and a top speed of 194 mph! The C8 Z51 makes a strong argument for being the best Sports car in the world for the investment.

With a 495 HP powerplant with 470 lb.-ft. of torque inches behind her head, Carol had no intention of turning her stallion into a parade pony. She jumped at Chevrolet's invitation to attend the two-day Ron Fellows Performance Driving School in Pahrump, Nevada. Over those 48 hours, Carol carved up the corners and tested the limits of her Sting Ray's 8-speed dual clutch transmission. Exactly 50 years separated Carol's first Covette from her C8 Z51 as she made the quantum leap from "Old School to Racing School". *Motor Trend Magazine* made the C8 its *Car of the Year*, Carol made hers the car of a lifetime!

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



The Automobile Gallery

*Special thanks to Carol Jacobs for displaying her 2021 Corvette
at The Automobile Gallery*

AND

*to Darrel Burnett, club member and Executive Director of The
Automobile Gallery, for the awesome storyboards he has written
for all of the club members' cars displayed at The Gallery.*



November 11 - Veteran's Day

Let us always remember the Veterans who have served our country, with special acknowledgement of all club members who are Veterans.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Photos from the Green Bay Yacht Club's 19th Annual Veteran's Day Commemoration



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

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

November open
December open
January open
February open
March open

2023

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

2024

It's not too early to make plans for next year!!

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

Nov 18 – Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL
Jan 5, 2024 - Christmas Party - Luann Poll & Deb VandenAvond
Aug 28-31, 2024 - National Corvette Caravan - Luann Poll & Vicki Blahnik

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DICK ROSIN (NOV 2)
MARILYN HEIM (NOV 6)
MYKE SCHMIT (NOV 6)
CAROL JACOBS (NOV 7)
KRISTI TEDFORD (NOV 7)
MARK AERTS (NOV 8)
BARRY MUNDT (NOV 10)
SUE ENGLEBERT (NOV 14)
BRIAN JONES (NOV 15)
RON WACH (NOV 15)
JUDY AUGUSTINE (NOV 16)
LLEW ROCK (NOV 16)
ED WALLANDER (NOV 16)
KEITH BAUER (NOV 24)
MIKE ROHR (NOV 24)
ED VILLIESE (NOV 28)
JOHN DAUGHERTY (NOV 30)
KONNIE GEBHARDT (NOV 30)
SUE WOEPSE (NOV 30)

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

MARTY AND ROCKY HOCKERS (NOV 9)
BRUCE AND SUE ENGLEBERT (NOV 10)
KELLY AND JUDY MARTIN (NOV 10)

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.



Winter Storage—Spots Available!

Joe Rabideau has heated warehouse storage available for the winter season.

If you are interested, please contact Joe @ 920-360-9814.

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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7:00 pm*

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