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The Newsletter of the Corvettes of the Bay Car Club

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GOOD NEWS:

We now have a permanent meeting location! Starting on March 5th, 2024, we will be meeting at The Village Grille in Bellevue. Doors will open at 5:00 pm, and we will have food options that we will discuss at the March 5th meeting.

Our menu for March 5th will be as follows: Soup/Salad/Sandwich Buffet - \$15.95 per person. Including Cream of Chicken with Wild Rice & Mushroom Soup, 2 Sandwich selections (Chicken Waldorf served on a silver dollar roll and Club Sandwich served on a spinach cheddar bun), chopped greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions, and Kettle Chips.

COTB First Annual Golf Outing:

Friday, June 7th, at Patriot Golf Club, 2954 Sandalwood Rd., in Abrams. Event is \$50.00 per golfer payable to Patriot Golf Club and includes 9 holes of golf with cart, lunch, and drawings for prizes. There will be a sign-up sheet available on March 5th, and this event will be limited to 50 golfers.

Announcement from The Automobile Gallery:

Red Lewis Community Car Show – Cars & Guitars, Saturday, June 15th, with \$25.00 VIP Packages up to 100 Reserved Parking and includes 2 Gallery Admission Tickets, 1 50/50 Raffle Ticket, and Automatic Entry for Special Prizes. Registration Package is \$15.00 and includes 2 Gallery Tickets and 2 Drink Tickets for Soda/Water. More information is available at theautomobilegallery.org.

Member Spotlight:

One big thank you to Jim Pyle, our sound equipment expert and Chair of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, which is on Saturday, September 21st, at Vickery Village. Jim has 7 members who signed up to help, but we need a few more members to step forward. We are looking for major sponsors to help fund our 50th Anniversary Party.

Personally, I am grateful to follow Dan Terrien as President. Dan, whom we all know, did an outstanding job in a very respectful manner. He continues to be a big asset to me to tap into his knowledge. His work with Darrel at The Automobile Gallery has placed Corvettes of the Bay with a natural ally that allows our members the opportunity to have their Corvette displayed at the Gallery.

Dan has agreed to be our Club's representative as Chair for our members to gain entry with their Corvette to be on display at the beautiful Automobile Gallery!

We are thankful for Guy Ringle's work in preparing our "Guidelines for Hiring Vendors to Provide Services to Corvettes of the Bay." As members, you should review these new guidelines which are available on our website.

We are also thankful for Elizabeth Vieau-Ringle's stepping forward and chairing our dinner at the Hotel Seymour. Great turnout with excellent service and food.

On behalf of our entire membership, let's continue to support and thank Gene and Linda Blohowiak for their work with aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. This leads us to thank our members who have provided many of the can tabs for this cause.

Mark Finco sent an email providing information regarding the Door County road construction this spring, from Carlsville to the north end of Egg Harbor. This is important as we plan future runs this spring and summer. The work will not be completed until the end of June. Thank you, Mark.

We have a request from Pete Bilski with his work with Curative Connections, as a fundraiser for people with memory loss and dementia. He is seeking old garage/automobile signs and license plates for the walls for their interactive Auto Garage and Train Depot. You can contact Pete at 920-737-4831.

At our March 5th meeting, Rick and Sally Northrop will be sharing information on "How to Plan a COTB Club Run."

There are 2024 Corvettes available for sale: At Gandrud Chevrolet there is a Black and a Cacti Green Z51. At Bergstrom Chevrolet there are two Blue, one Torch Red, and one White. A 2020 Corvette is available at Rabideau's Auto Mart. There is a 1978 Corvette for sale by calling COTB Member Cassie DeChateau at 920-471-2363.

VOLUNTEERING – The Backbone of America and our Corvettes of the Bay Club.

Our next meeting will be March 5th at The Village Grille at 1390 Bellevue St.

In closing, thank you for being a member of our Corvettes of the Bay Club.

Tony Yaggie, President

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Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

Call to Order/Silence Cell Phones/Welcome – President Tony Yaggie:

President Tony called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm at The Village Grille in Allouez, WI with 65 members in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Ron Bringe

Moment of Silence

Motion to Approve January Meeting Minutes:

President Tony called for a motion to approve the January minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier; motion carried.

Membership:

- New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance: Cassie DuChateau she states she would like to sell her father's 1978 Corvette (not the 25th anniversary edition) but is not sure how to begin the process, so she is looking to the group for recommendations. Cassie does have fliers of the car available, and will be included in the newsletter.
- Please make sure your membership has been renewed for 2024.

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 178 paid members for 2024: 34 singles, 72 duals.
- Terri explained that the club treasurer and club president always have their names on Corvettes of the Bay's checking and savings accounts. With the change in presidency for 2024, Dan Terrien's name was removed and Tony Yaggie's name was added. Currently, only President Tony and Terri can pay bills. If you paid your 2024 membership and did not receive a COTB 50th anniversary window cling, please see Terri to obtain yours. President Tony called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Paula Pyle; motion carried.

Website – corvettesofthebay.org: Please review – great source of information.
 Vice President Guy Ringle created newly established guidelines to follow for any future events funded by COTB, named, "Guidelines for Hiring Vendors to Provide Services to Corvettes of the Bay." The guidelines will ensure we understand what the costs are going to be for the event, and what those vendors are going to charge us. We ask that the committee chair or the person that's leading the event would bring those estimates in writing to the Board ideally two months before the event, which would allow the Board to review the costs. These guidelines apply to events where funding from the COTB budget is anticipated such as the Christmas Party, Summer Party, or perhaps a Fall Party.
 Check on member's information for accuracy.

Meeting Place – Reminder:

- February through April 801 Hoffman Rd.
- May through January 1300 Bellevue Street President Tony discussed it was brought to the Board's attention that a change in location for the monthly meetings is desired. If this idea interests you, please present your ideas to the Board/membership for consideration, keeping in mind the following criteria: 1) The location would need to be large enough to accommodate over 100 members. Audio Aud 2) Adequate parking for 50 plus Corvettes on a hard surface. 3) No charge to the Club for accommodations. 4) Menu choices and ability to eat on location. 5) Audio/video access

Past Runs and Events:

- January 5 Christmas Party at The Automobile Gallery Luann Poll. A good time was had by all, and there were many participants in the Barbie Corvette races! Brad Yaggie was the recipient of the Corvette wall plaque donated by The Automobile Gallery, two other people won an entry to the Corvette Adventure, a road tour that will be held on June 6-8 and is worth \$110 each, and many other gifts. February 4 Dinner at the Hotel Seymour Elizabeth Ringle. There were 30 people in attendance, the food was fabulous, and the service was outstanding. Chef Brady
- donated three \$25 gift certificates which were awarded to Greg and Kathy Rohde, Tony and Sally Steffen, and Joe and Sue Rabideau.

- Upcoming Runs and Events (Remember to wear your name badges):
 April 27 Rally for a Reason for Howe Community Center Dan Terrien: Dan reports the center has put on a road rally for several years. Meet at Badger State Brewery and they give a list of trivia questions where you will drive, and gather tickets from different bars where there are games awaiting you. Dan and Angelina, along with Luann and John Poll, went last year as spur of the moment and they enjoyed this event. It raises money for the Howe Community Center, is very well planned, and it is listed on our community page.

 - Community page. May 27 Celebrate De Pere Memorial Day Parade Dan Terrien: Dan stated he would like to arrange a "6-pack" of Corvettes two red, two white, and two blue, all of different generations. So far, Dan has a Red C6 ZR1, a Red C7 Z06, a White 1986 C4, and a Blue C8. Jim Pyle volunteered his White C5. June 7 Golf Outing at Patriot Golf Course Tony Yaggie reports he and his wife, Kathy, are planning this event; golf nine holes in the afternoon followed by lunch and a number of prizes. If you don't know how to golf, that is ok!!! The cost is \$50 \$25 golfer's/cart, \$10 for a burger and chips, and \$15 for prizes. They will take a picture of COTB participants and place on their wall great advertising for us and for the golf course. June 15 Cars and Guitars Darrel Burnett: Darrel reports there will be major changes to this event which will be announced at the member event Thursday night, and on Friday. Darrel with Teny with Teny with the substance of th
 - Friday, Darrel will follow up with Tony with an update. August 28-31 National Corvette Caravan to NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration, Bowling Green, KY: Luann Poll provided fliers for this event. Tolls along the way are covered

 - August 28-31 National Corvette Caravan to NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration, Bowling Green, KY: Luann Poli provided filers for this event. Toils along the way are covered by the registration fee. COTB will be escorted by police to Effingham, Illinois. If interested in participating, it is advisable to secure lodging as soon as possible. September 21 COTB 50th Anniversary Party at the Vickery Village: President Tony reported that due to the cost overrun associated with the 2023 Christmas Party, the budget for the anniversary party was moved to cover the Christmas overage. However, President Tony and Jim Pyle report there is no cost to the club to use this venue, and they are contacting dealers for sponsorship so there would be no cost at all to the club. Jim is looking for a DJ or band, two different food trucks, and will contact either Dean or Kay Distributing for beer. For those who prefer mixed drinks or wine, the Station 1 Brewing will be contacted for options. Jim Pyle states he and Paula belong to a supper club organization where they try a different restaurant every Friday night. They have traveled as far as Milwaukee, and have tried many restaurants along the shoreline. Please see Jim for further details.

 - Carol Jacobs reports she is working with Joe Flegel on a run in Two Rivers at Port Sandy Bay the last weekend of June.
 - Committee on Corvette Runs Rick Northrop, Chair. Rick reports he and his wife, Sally, will chair the Fall Run the first week of October. Next month, Rick and Sally will hold a

 - seminar to share the tools they use to create runs that are successful. November 9 Veteran's Day Run/Green Bay Yacht Club: William Miehe proposes a repeat of last year's run. ADRC/Curative Center/Alzheimer's Run Pete Bilski: The Curative Center on Western and Military is undergoing construction. Over \$5 million dollars was raised for this project, which will be a village inside the building that's already there, and it is almost complete. What is needed are signs that we have a garage inside, and Darre and Darre and The Automobile Gallery have a car. There will be a convenience store next door with gas pumps, a post office, and a pub. This is going to be a beautiful facility and for \$6/hour it provides adult day care where it would generally cost \$35 to \$40 per hour. Pete is looking for signs for Shell Oil to decorate the garage; please see Tony if interested. This is personal for Pete, as he used the Curative Center for 13 years when his wife had Alzheimer's; she passed away five years ago.

Corvette News:

President Tony read a card on behalf of Pat and Rhonda Seidl; Rhonda's father passed away recently. They expressed their appreciation of the card and gift of money.

New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips:

- Joe Rabideau has a 2020 3LT Coupe Corvette with 103 miles for sale.`
- Bergstrom has a 2020 str Coupe Colvette with 105 miles for sale. Bergstrom has two 2024's in their showroom; a 3LT Torch Red with Black interior, and a 1LT White with Black interior. Gandrud has two that are coming: a Black Corvette and the other is a 1LT Z51 Cacti Green with Black interior. All are available for sale. Displays at The Automobile Gallery Presently Greg Rohde's '62 is at The Automobile Gallery. If you are interested in displaying your Corvette, contact Dan Terrien. Aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Gene or Linda Blohowiak. Gene appreciates all of the can tab donations by COTB for this cause. Tony and Sally Steffen's grandson, Anthony, will be in attendance at June's meeting to present information on his detailing side job. Dan Terrien states club member Nik Stahl

- also provides detailing services out of Bayside Auto in Sturgeon Bay. Corvette related video from Greg Rohde Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, a video was not presented.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval:

President Tony asked for a motion; motion made by Dan Brunmeier, meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

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

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

Corvettes of the Bay member Greg Rohde owns an award-winning 1962 Corvette, and we asked him to write an article for our newsletter about his restoration project. This beautiful Corvette is currently on display at The Automobile Gallery in Green Bay until March 5. Check it out!





The restoration of my 1962 Corvette started slowly in 2010 with the dismantling of the body, frame and drive train. In the fall of 2013, I delivered the body to Roger Micheau of Escanaba, Michigan. Roger is a perfectionist when it comes to paint and body work/repair. He agreed to do the restoration to National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) protocol, no better, no worse than the way the car left the factory in 1962. That includes replicating the original factory flaws, defects and quality control issues (not an easy task for a perfectionist).

Roger proceeded with the body work and paint while I worked on restoring the frame and complete drive train (differential, transmission and motor). After completing the assembly of the chassis and drive train it was transported to Roger's garage so he could mount and align the body on the completed chassis. He finished his work in the spring of 2018.

I then proceeded to do the final assembly of the car by installing the restored interior, completing the engine bay wiring and radiator and grille installation. In the spring of 2023, Llew Rock assisted in starting the engine for the first time. After a number of adjustments to the fuel injection system, the car was ready for its first drive since 2010.

May 5th and 6th, 2023, was the first NCRS Judging for the car at a Chapter Meet in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. The car received the desired Top Flight award with a final score of 99.6 out of 100.

The next judging of the car was at the Bloomington Gold meet in Bloomington, Illinois, on June 2nd and 3rd, 2023. This time the car received the Bloomington Gold Award with a score of 98.9 out of 100.

The final judging of the car for the year was at the NCRS National Meet in French Lick, Indiana, from July 23rd to July 28th, 2023. Again, the car received a NCRS Top Flight award with a score of 98.9 out of 100, but this time it was at the national level.

The success of this restoration has exceeded my expectations. This would not have been possible without the help and support of my wife Kathy, my son Brandon, friends Ron Rozmarynoski, Llew Rock, Rick Northrop, neighbor Ken Mushel, and of course painter/body man extraordinaire, Roger Micheau.

Many thanks to everyone involved.

Greg Rohde

Greg Rohde's 1962 Corvette On Display at The Automobile Gallery





For Sale!

1978 Corvette, White If interested, please call **Cassie DuChateau** at 920-471-2363.

Joe Rabideau — Rabideau's Auto Mart, 1461 W. Mason St., Green Bay 2020 3LT Coupe, Long Beach (darker) Red, loaded, with 103.0 miles - \$77,777 If you are interested, please contact Joe @ 920-360-9814.



One full set of OEM Corvette C7 chrome wheels and OEM Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 ZP Run-Flat tires off our 2019 Corvette Grand Sport 3LT. 4,200 miles on them. Wheels and tires are in excellent condition. Original GM TPMS sensors still installed. Asking \$2400. Call, text, or e-mail **Bob Davidovich** (Menasha) at 662-643-8620 or rdavido@comcast.net.



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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

BOB AND KONNIE GEBHARDT (FEB 14) SUE AND JOE RABIDEAU (FEB 14) DANIEL AND ANGELINA TERRIEN (FEB 16) RANDY AND JULIE JACOBS (FEB 24) The more you put into the club...the more you get out of it!!

| DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS | | <u>2024</u> | SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS | |
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| February | open | | | |
| March | open | | | |
| April | open | | April | open |
| May | open | | May | open |
| June | open | | June | open |
| July | open | | July | open |

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

April 27 - Rally for a Reason for Howe Community Center - Dan Terrien May 27 - Celebrate De Pere Memorial Day Parade - Dan Terrien June 7 - Golf Outing at Patriot Golf Course (Abrams) - Tony & Kathy Yaggie June 15 - Cars & Guitars at The Automobile Gallery - Darrel Burnett August 28-31 - National Corvette Caravan - Luann Poll September 21 - 50th Anniversary Party at Vickery Village (Suamico) - Jim Pyle November 9 - Veteran's Day Run/Green Bay Yacht Club - William Miehe

Fall Run Rick & Sally Northrop

Please help fill our Calendar of Events for this special 50th Anniversary Year. Let's make it a memorable year!!

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to **debvan81664@gmail.com.** 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!

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.



SCRIP Cards available for purchase at monthly meetings (a great fundraiser for our club)

- 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.

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



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