



Vette Ventures

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

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The Riding Season is Here!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Members,

It's great to see all the Corvettes come out of hibernation! After what seemed like a cold and frigid spring, we are all ready to get our Corvettes out for a spin. The signs were clear at the May member meeting. There were 110 members in attendance and the parking lot was colored with Corvettes!

I'm excited to see all the fun events being planned for the upcoming months. Let's keep the momentum going with event planning. Your creativity and enthusiasm have already brought us some fantastic gatherings, and I truly believe there are even more amazing experiences waiting to be created. There is a lot to enjoy as a member of Corvettes of the Bay, but we also need members to jump in and take responsibility for a ride or event. We will never have too many events on the calendar.

At our May meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing about all these fun events coming our way. Highlights are available in this newsletter, in addition to more event details on our website.

Any club members that would like to drive their Corvette in the De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade on May 26, please make sure to contact Gene Blohowiak. This event is open to ALL club members. He needs to get our total to the parade chair.

If any club members are looking for a fun and interesting overnight Corvette ride to The Graham Motor Museum scheduled for May 30 to May 31, please contact Luann Poll.

The Red Lewis Community Car Show is scheduled for June 14. We will have our Corvettes of the Bay tent set up and encourage our members to join us. VIP registration is still available for a limited time.

Mark Nemetz announced the Road America Sunset Cruise scheduled for June 25. It has been a couple of years since our club had the chance to take some laps around the Road America Track. You don't want to miss out on this unique opportunity. We have reached the required minimum number of cars needed to host this event. But it's not too late to join in on the fun. You can sign up until June 15 by mailing in the required \$55 total for a single person with a car or \$85 per couple with a car. This includes the track fee and a hot buffet meal. Only Corvettes are allowed. You can invite other members or non-members if they are driving a Corvette.

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On June 28, you will not want to miss an opportunity to “Ride With The Lights.” Police escorts! Sirens and flashing lights! No Stops! An exciting and enjoyable ride is planned for everyone. Online registration opened May 1. Only \$40 per vehicle. Upon completing the online registration, please RSVP to Elizabeth Ringle so we know you are joining us. Those who sign up are asked to meet at Ashwaubomay Park at 9 am for pre-launch. On behalf of COTB, I have also invited Valley Vettes, Fond De Vettes, and Corvettes of the North to join us.

Our Summer Party is right around the corner. It is scheduled for July 19 and will include an enjoyable ride to Primal Eats in Gillett. For a small fee of \$12 per person you can join the fun. Diane Lyman or Sally Steffen will accept your registration until July 1.

As a reminder, most of our club sponsors offer discounts for their service offerings to our club members ranging from 10 to 15%. You just need to identify yourself as a club member and ask for the discount to receive it. Thanks to all our sponsors for their ongoing support.

Industry News:

Chevrolet officially reveals the updated 2026 Corvette interior. The long-rumored change to the wall of buttons is now officially coming in 2026. There are also some new interior color options coming. August is the official start of the 2026 model production.

“Roswell Green Metallic” is a color of paint that is available for the 2026 Corvette. It was recently announced by Chevrolet as one of two new colors added to the 2026 Corvette lineup. The other is “Blade Silver Metallic.” A new high wing is also rumored to be in the works for the E-Ray.

ZR1 production began on Monday, April 28, for the few lucky individuals that received an allocation. Of the first nine scheduled to be built, eight of the nine are in black exterior color.

The new ZR1 will be the official Pace Car for the 109th Indianapolis 500 Race.

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome

President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 110 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve April Meeting Minutes

President Guy called for a motion to approve the April minutes as posted in the newsletter. [Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried.](#)

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

- Bill Schumacher & Heather Faker, 2025 Black Coupe, Z06
- Jack & Amy Van Iten, 2005 Daytona Sunset, 6-speed Z51
- Paul & Monica Fineberg, 2025 Yellow Coupe, Z51
- Rod & Mary Beth Ryan, 1964 Satin Silver Convertible

President's Report

- It's good to see all the Corvettes come out of hibernation! The excitement continues to build for our summer events calendar! Thank you to all our members that participate in the meals offered at The Village Grille prior to our meetings. In April, we had 50 people purchase meals. Kathy Proctor was pleased with that result and has allowed us to continue to use the Bellevue location if we can keep this level of participation or more.
- Summer Party - Save the Date – Saturday, July 19 – Primal Eats - Sally and Tony Steffen: Last day to register is at the July 1st meeting.
- Christmas Party – Save the Date – Saturday, January 3, 2026 – The Swan Club, De Pere, Entertainment by Daddy D Productions - Elizabeth and Guy Ringle: Sign-up will begin this fall.
- Road America Sunset Cruise – Wednesday, June 25 - Mark Nemetz: We need a minimum of 25 cars with a minimum of 50 people attending the dinner to hold this event! So far, 35 have registered, and the last day to register is June 15.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

Diane reviewed the status of the club's assets and sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards. Total membership is 205.

President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Ed Villiesse, motion carried.

Special Guests: Rick and Sherry Berg – Cruise Planners of Green Bay

Rick reviewed options for a Corvettes of the Bay member cruise August 13-20, 2026; more information will be on the website. If interested, please let Luann Poll know by June 3.

Website – Access our (corvettesofthebay.org) on your computer or phone. The "Log in" tab will bring up our private "[Members only](#)" page where you can scroll through the member roster for member contact information and photos, and access important documents. Please contact Elizabeth Ringle if you have not had your photo taken for the club roster. If you are looking for ideas for future runs or events, click on the link "Road Trip Ideas, Destinations, Directions and Guidelines."

Past Runs & Events

- April 10 – Dinner at Hotel Seymour: Cheryl and George Yursis were not at the meeting this evening, but they asked President Guy to report there was a wonderful turnout of 44 people. From all comments, everyone enjoyed their meal and we had a lot of wonderful camaraderie and socializing. The Hotel Seymour did an amazing job in serving everyone quickly.
- May 4 – Dinner at Mackinaws Pub & Grill - Sally and Rick Northrop: Sally states there were 44 members in attendance; wonderful food and camaraderie.
- May 6 – Teacher Appreciation Day - Chuck Templer: Chuck reports there were 12 cars today, and 42 teachers from Bay Harbor Elementary school were given rides around Suamico and back to school for lunch. On the way to the school, the Corvettes were escorted by a fire truck at the beginning and end of the line. When the group arrived at the school, they were met by 400 students who lined up on the sidewalk cheering them on. Everyone had a fantastic day!! WBAY Channel 2 covered the event.

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Upcoming Runs & Events

On your computer or phone - Go to our website corvettesofthebay.org. No need to log in. Click on the "Events" tab near the top of the page for details on upcoming events.

- May 15 – Garage Session at Torrez Home - Joe Torrez: Please bring your own beverage and chair. Burnouts are allowed!
- May 17 – Festa Italiana at The Automobile Gallery: Darrel Burnett reports there are five cars alone that are worth \$30 million! The James Bond collection will still be at the Gallery during this time.
- May 21 – Veteran Flag Placing at Allouez Cemetery - Cathy Harrison
- May 26 – De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade 2025: Gene Blohowiak reports there are 14 cars thus far that will be in the parade. Please contact Gene if interested.
- May 30, 31 – Overnight Ride to Graham Motor Museum: Luann Poll states there are 21 cars/39 members signed up at this time and will still accept more. Luann reports that at arrival at the Museum we will be greeted by the Chippewa Valley Corvette Club.
- June 1 – Diamonds & Gold Cruise-In: Dan Terrien states this is a great opportunity to sample whiskey and try on expensive watches!
- June 1 – Trip Around the Lake - Joe Torrez
- June 4 – Curative Connections Run: Pete Bilski reports there are 5 or 6 cars signed up so far, would like more.
- June 8 – Allouez Fest & Car Show: Joe Torrez reports he is looking for volunteers to help set up the tent and table at 7:00am; please contact him if interested.
- June 14 – Red Lewis Community Car Show: [Darrel Burnett](#) reports that VIP registrations are still available for a limited time.
- June 21 – Run to Ziegler Winery & Dinner: Tammy and Brian Jones
- June 25 – Road America Sunset Cruise: Mark Nemetz reports sign-ups will be accepted until June 15.
- June 28 – Ride With The Lights - Elizabeth and Guy Ringle: Those who sign up are asked to meet at Ashwaubomay Park at 9:00am.
- July 12 – The Amish Rooster Run: Sally & Rick Northrop
- July 15 – Run to The Marq Supper Club: Bev and Mark Hendricks
- July 19 – Summer Party at Primal Eats: Sally and Tony Steffen
- July 24 – Run to R. Harder Gallery of Gems & Dinner at Mark's East Side - Teresa and Dean Kane: 40 members have signed up so far.
- August 2 – Chris Slack Memorial Gandrud Auto Group Car Show: Gene Blohowiak reports there are 18 volunteers for this event, and additional information forthcoming at the July meeting.
- August 2 – IMSA Weekend Event - Pete Bilski
- August 9 – Algoma Shanty Days Car Cruise and Parade - Sherry and Marty LaFond
- January 3, 2026 – Christmas Party at The Swan Club - Elizabeth and Guy Ringle

Any additional COTB events?

Looking for volunteers to organize more monthly dinner runs and ice cream runs. Contact Sally Steffen (sssteffen276@gmail.com) to have details of your event sent to members.

Corvette News:

New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips - none reported.

Aluminum Can Tab update: Gene Blohowiak reports he collected 30.84 pounds of tabs for the year. Gene will collect until the June meeting, then the tabs will be brought to the Garage Session group, then to the Back to the 50's Car Show in Minneapolis.

Any additional topics?

- Dan Brunmeier reports over the past few years he coordinated the runs to nursing homes which provided Corvette rides to the residents of Rennes and Emerald Bay. Due to his health, Dan is looking for someone who can take over for this year. Mike Golla has volunteered to lead these events for 2025. More to come.
- Carol Jacobs reported on new incentives established by the National Corvette Museum. These incentives provide Corvette Clubs the ability to earn points based upon how their club members participate in museum functions or museum memberships. These points lead to our club's ability to earn prizes. Contact Carol Jacobs if you are interested in more details.
- Dealership Inventory – Will be added to Monthly Newsletter, if available.
- Displays at The Automobile Gallery – Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery. Cars are scheduled through August, looking for cars for September and beyond.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM MARK NEMETZ
REGARDING
ROAD AMERICA SUNSET CRUISE—JUNE 25**

We have met the minimum number of cars required to formally book a Private COTB Cruise event at Road America on June 25. Now that our agreement with Road America is in place, they will accept additional COTB member sign-ups as late as June 15, so share this info with your COTB friends who don't always attend our monthly club meetings or read their email. Also consider sharing this info with your "non-COTB Corvette friends" who are Road America fans, but are undecided about joining our Club!

*We had a great turnout for our May meeting... 110 members... and the parking lot was full of Corvettes!! What a beautiful sight!
Corvette driving season is here!!*






The flyer below pertains to the cruise that is being planned for August 13-20, 2026. More details regarding accommodations, etc., can be found on their website: <https://www.pearlseascruises.com/cruises/great-lakes-cruises/7-night-great-lakes-and-georgian-bay>

Please contact Luann Poll by June 3 if you are interested in going on this cruise so she knows whether to continue with the plans.

Luann's email: lupoll1955@gmail.com

Luann's cellphone: 847-401-1147



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MUSKEGON / HOLLAND, MICHIGAN
From historic ships and lighthouses to the restored mansions built by Muskegon's most famous lumber barons, delight in the history of this quaint Michigan town. Explore the delightful town of Holland and immerse yourself in its Dutch culture.

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN
Mackinac Island is known for its Victorian homes and historic buildings. Visiting the island is like stepping back in time, as motorized vehicles are prohibited. All those visiting or living on the island travel by horse, carriage, bicycle, or on foot.

SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MICHIGAN
Enjoy a narrated cruise on the St. Mary's River and ride through the Soo Locks. Learn the history of the area and the story behind the locks. View the Edmund Fitzgerald memorial which features two lifeboats from the stricken vessel.

LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND
Manitoulin Island is the largest freshwater Island in the world. Visitors can cross the swing bridge, the town's most famous landmark to discover a bustling downtown area where they can enjoy shopping, strolling along the docks or relaxing at the waterfront park.

CRUISING GEORGIAN BAY
Often referred to as the sixth Great Lake, Georgian Bay defines beauty with windswept pines, towering cliffs and clear blue water. The bay features more than 30,000 Islands, most of which are only accessible by water.

PARRY SOUND, ONTARIO
Parry Sound is the world's deepest natural freshwater port. Explore the Killbear Provincial Park and learn about the unique ecology of Georgian Bay. Led by a local naturalist, take a stroll along wooded trails to Parry Sound's stunning shoreline.

MIDLAND, ONTARIO
Visit the site of Ontario's first European Community as a recreation of the 17th-century French Jesuit Mission headquarters, with a replica of the barracks, homes, and meeting places.

What's included in cruise fare

- Excursions at each port are included, and there are premium excursions options that can be purchased.
- All meals, beverages at meals and at beverages at daily cocktail hour.
- Port fees and taxes.

What's not included in cruise fare

- Air fare.
- Staff gratuities. *(Envelopes will be provided at the end of the cruise for guests to add gratuities. Pearl Seas recommends \$20 per person per day, but the amount is left to guests' discretion.)*
- Transfer to Milwaukee. *(If there is enough interest, a bus or other group transfer to Milwaukee can be arranged.)*

Ready to book? Need more information?

Contact Rick Berg
920.660.4928
rick.berg@cruiseplanners.com

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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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JERRY AND KAYE JACOBS (MAY 27)
DEAN AND TERESA KANE (MAY 30)

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

May		open
June 21	Brian & Tammy Jones	open
July 12	Rick & Sally Northrop	open
July 15	Mark & Bev Hendricks	open
July 24	Dean & Teresa Kane	open
August	open	open
Sept		

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

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January 3, 2026 - Christmas Party - SAVE THE DATE!

Please think about planning a dinner or ice cream run to fill up 2025. We would love to have several events each month. It's as easy as choosing a date, a restaurant, contacting the restaurant to make a reservation, and sending the details to Sally Steffen to communicate it to our members. Then just keep track of the RSVP's so you can inform the restaurant of the attendance number. Please take pictures at the event and share them with the newsletter editor.

When you have selected a specific date for an event, email the details to ssteffen276@gmail.com. The information will be emailed to club members and added to the events calendar on the website.

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.

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.



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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