



# Vette Ventures

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

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## Cruisin' Into Summer!

**Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,**

We hope this message finds you well and as excited as we are for the incredible summer season ahead! With sunshine and open roads calling our names, it's the perfect time to enjoy everything we love about our Corvettes and the camaraderie that brings us all together. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the club, this summer promises unforgettable drives, great events, and lasting memories.

As we prepare for our upcoming gatherings, let's all remember that safety remains a top priority. Whether it's cruising along the highway or parking at a local meet-up, taking care of ourselves and one another ensures that every event is fun and worry-free. Keeping our Corvettes in top shape and following the rules of the road will help us all stay safe and enjoy the ride.

Most importantly, we're thrilled for the chance to spend quality time with such an amazing group of people. The friendships, laughter, and shared passion for these incredible machines are what make our club so special. Let's gear up for a summer full of stories, smiles, and miles of Corvette joy. We can't wait to see you out there!

I am excited to see there are many exciting club events to choose from in June. One of the special events you don't want to miss is the Road America Sunset Cruise on June 25. There is still time to sign up through June 15, if you want to share the experience of driving your Corvette around the Road America track. Mark Nemetz has also planned some special demonstrations of Formula 1 car products. They will be sharing some of their products as giveaways for participants at this event.

Our annual summer party is just around the corner on July 19. There is a fee of \$12 per person to participate. Please get your registration and money to Diane Lyman by July 1, if you want to take part in this event. We are heading to Primal Eats in Gillett, WI.

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## Industry News:

Model Year 2026 Corvette Factory Builds are expected to start in early August. Dealers should be getting allocations starting in June.

Model Year 2026 will include the long-anticipated interior changes along with some new color options.

ZR1 EPA testing completed. The ZR1 is being rated at 12 MPG City and 18 MPG Highway. Though not many ZR1 buyers are looking at miles per gallon as their main concern.

The Corvette Museum is offering free admission for active military as well as military veterans from June through September 1, 2025.

VIN number 1 of the 1984 Corvette model year was recently discovered in a “barn find” after the second owner had passed away. It has 277 original miles.

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle

President

Corvettes of the Bay

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***De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade—May 26, 2025***

***Honoring with RED, WHITE and BLUE!!***

***A beautiful day and a nice turnout of members!***



# Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2025

## Call to Order and Welcome

President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 92 members in attendance.

## Motion to Approve May Meeting Minutes

President Guy called for a motion to approve the May minutes as posted in the newsletter. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried.

## Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in attendance:

- Jerry Schaefer (relative of Dan Brunmeier), owner of a 2024 White Coupe, Z06.

## President's Report

- Summer is finally here! There are exciting events scheduled in June, July, and early August. However, there is plenty of room left for additional dinner runs or ice cream runs in each of these months. As of right now, we especially have a need for more planned events in August, September, and October in particular. Please consider volunteering to lead an event to keep our momentum going!
- Thank you to all our members that participate in the meals offered from The Village Grille prior to our meetings. 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. Kathy agreed to add an additional server to improve the service experience.
- Road America Sunset Cruise – Wednesday, June 25 – Mark Nemetz – Sign-up due by June 15. Mark discussed a sponsor for Formula 1 car products will have a giveaway at this event along with demos of their products.
- Summer Party – Sign-up due by July 1 – Sally & Tony Steffen – Cost per person is \$12. We will be meeting at the Bay Port High School parking lot starting at 10:45 am on July 19.

## 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. She also stated the club currently has 213 members. President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Liz Kelling, motion carried.

**Website** – Access our [corvettesofthebay.org](https://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." Guy stated that if you are an event sponsor, please review the website information for your event. Sponsors, please email any needed changes to Cheryl Yursis for editing.

## Past Runs & Events

- May 20 – Garage Session at Torrez Home – Joe Torrez. Mother Nature would not give up, there was a gentle rain throughout the evening, no one brought their Corvettes, but it was well-attended with great food.
- May 22 – Veteran Flag Placing at Allouez Cemetery – Cathy Harrison reports there were 15 COTB members who helped place flags. Thank you to those who helped out!
- May 26 – De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade 2025 – Gene Blohowiak states there were 30 members with 16 cars, two people carrying the banner, and two people handing out candy. Everyone had a great time, and the attendees really enjoyed the Corvettes.
- May 30, 31 – Overnight Ride to Graham Motor Museum – Luann Poll was unable to attend the meeting; however, Diane Lyman reported there were 20 Corvettes on the run. Members of the Chippewa Valley Corvette Club met COTB along the way. Our two clubs enjoyed dinner together on Friday night, and then on Saturday one of the Chippewa Club couples led a drive on some beautiful back roads with lots of curves, lots of hills and valleys. Saturday also included a ride on the La Crosse Queen paddle boat on the Mississippi. Diane reports she put 590 miles on her car!!! Everyone had a wonderful time.
- June 1 – Diamonds & Gold Cruise-In – Dan Terrien was not at the meeting, but Doug Cohen stated there were 24 cars – beautiful day and turnout.

**Upcoming Runs & Events** – On your computer or phone - Go to our website [corvettesofthebay.org](https://corvettesofthebay.org). No need to log in. Click on the "Events" tab near the top of the page for details on upcoming events.

- June 4 – Curative Connections Run – Pete Bilski
- June 8 – Allouez Fest & Car Show – Joe Torrez – Joe mentioned he will set up the COTB tent and all interested parties are welcome.
- June 14 – Red Lewis Community Car Show – Darrel Burnett – Guy reminded our members this is one of our club's primary car shows. We will have the COTB tent set up and parking available for interested members.

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- June 21 – Run to Ziegler Winery & Lunch – Tammy and Brian Jones – Lunch will be at 21 Guns Roadhouse starting at 12:30 pm. Depart for Ziegler Winery around 2:00 pm.
- June 24 – Corvette Display at Pine Street Library – Joe Torrez—Joe mentioned he will set up the COTB tent and all interested parties are welcome.
- June 25 – Road America Sunset Cruise – Mark Nemetz
- June 28 – Ride With The Lights – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle – Elizabeth reported we are meeting at 9:00 am at Ashwaubomay Park (2881 South Broadway). There is still time to sign up!
- July 12 – The Amish Rooster Run – Sally and Rick Northrop – Sally reported this will include a lovely country ride through Amish country with a stop at Yoder's Amish Bakery and dinner at the Red Rooster Café in Bonduel.
- July 15 – Run to The Marq Supper Club – Bev and Mark Hendricks – Bev reported that participants can choose to go on the run portion of this ride or meet directly at the restaurant. However, she would like members to confirm with her how they will participate.
- 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 – Dean reported that 47 people have signed up for this event. Limited room is still available. There is a 50 person limit.
- July TBD – Run to Rennes/Emerald Bay Assisted Living – Mike Golla
- August 2 – Chris Slack Memorial Gandrud Auto Group Car Show – Gene Blohowiak – Gene and Guy are meeting with Kay (from Gandrud) on June 16 to work through the details.
- August 2 – IMSA Weekend Event – Pete Bilski – Pete is working on special access to the Pit Row area along with potential for a hot lap ride for a select few.
- August 9 – Algoma Shanty Days Car Cruise and Parade – Sherry and Marty LaFond
- September 14 – Door County Adventure – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle – Guy shared details of their planned run to Door County which will include lunch at Coyote Roadhouse and a Scenic Trolley ride in Door County after lunch. A fee of \$29 per person is required. This will be limited to the first 50 people with their deposits paid to Diane Lyman.
- January 3 – 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 (ssteffen276@gmail.com) to have details of your event sent to members.

Paul Fineberg discussed planning an overnight run to Copper Country in the fall and asked for a show of interest. Members were very interested, so Paul and Monica will start planning.

### **Corvette News:**

#### **New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips**

Harry Liebergen – Harry shared that GM is having issues with their 6.2 liter V8 engines that are commonly used in their pickup trucks. If you have one of these engines from 2020-2023 you should check with your dealer and have it tested for potential issues.

Jerry Schaefer discussed there is a shortage of super Corvette oil for the newer Corvettes; so if you need an oil change, be prepared to wait. Amazon may have the oil at a cheaper cost, but you'll have to do the work!

Aluminum Can Tab update – Gene Blohowiak - Gene stated that from July 2024 to June 2025, we collected 58.84 pounds of tabs!

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 in September or beyond.

Joe Torrez mentioned a car for sale: 2001 C5 with 57,000 miles, asking \$18,500. Contact Joe for more information.

### **Adjournment, Motion and Approval**

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Liz Kelling, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

*Mary Ann Torrez, Corvettes of the Bay Secretary*

# 2016 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

***"Torch Red in Color and  
Red Hot in Performance!"***

**Owners: Gene & Linda Blohowiak**

For the sports car connoisseur craving a thrill ride that will simultaneously melt your heart and melt the tires the 2016 Corvette Z06 is that car! The 40,689 Corvettes manufactured in 2016 represented the highest Corvette production run since 1984, but the Bowling Green factory produced an exclusive 2,732 of the Z06 Convertibles ranking them among the rarest Corvettes ever produced.

Gene and Linda Blohowiak's Z06 is Torch Red in color and red hot in performance! Perhaps sensing its future collectability, Chevrolet poured everything into the seventh generation C7 Corvette during its triumphant run from 2014 - 2019. What was destined to be the final front engine version of the Corvette is jacked to the max with a supercharged 650 horsepower LT4 6.2 Liter V8 with a spine snapping 650 lb. ft. of torque. This Z06 was a showroom rocket right out of the wrapper. The performance numbers stand up against any supercar in the world delivering a 0-60 time of 3.8 seconds and a top speed of 197.6 mph!

As fast as their Z06 is, Gene and Linda took the scenic route before making this love connection.... 43 years to be exact. This car collector couple had other sports cars along the way but always craved a Corvette. Two children and retirement came first before making this Z06 convertible their first in 2021. Despite being 5 years old, the odometer told a very different story. Their acquisition represented a nearly brand new 1,832 miles traveled since new. Shortly after, the Blohowiaks joined the Corvettes of the Bay club and have now received the ultimate honor by having their Z06 featured in the Corvettes of the Bay display at The Automobile Gallery & Event Center.

Corvette's engineering team in Bowling Green employed the latest technologies to feed 50% more cool air into the LT4 powerplant to achieve world-class performance. We think we have found something even cooler. Gene and Linda Blohowiak have now added a second Corvette Convertible to their collection.... a 2024 Z51 Torch Red Corvette Convertible. Gene and Linda's license plate says it all.... No matter where they go they're CRUZN!

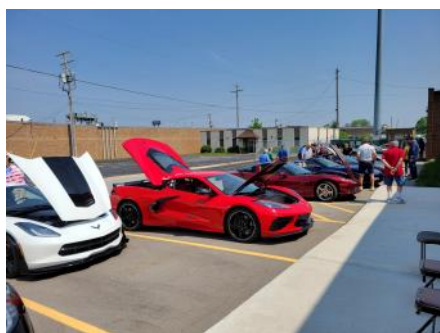


**"The Automobile Is The Art"**  
by Wm "Red" Lewis



**The Automobile Gallery**

*A group of COTB members visited the two Curative Connections facilities in Green Bay on June 4. These are respite/adult care day facilities for those with disabilities, one located on the west side of Green Bay on Western Avenue, and the other on the east side on Curry Lane. Kevin VanEss (Talk of the Town) provided musical entertainment, including a bit of ELVIS!!*



### **Aluminum Can Tab Collection**

Here is an updated message from Gene Blohowiak on June 5:

“Just turned in all of the can tabs. Our total came up to 61.2 pounds! Dave will be sending the total to Car/Garage Sessions later today or tomorrow. **Good job to everyone at COTB!**”



*Please keep on collecting can tabs for this worthwhile cause...The Ronald McDonald House.*



## 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Guy Ringle  
Vice President - Brian Jones  
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Board Member - Cheryl Yursis  
Board Member - Sally Steffen

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

MIKE REKIZKE (JUN 2)  
BILL SLOMA (JUN 2)  
CHUCK TEMPLER (JUN 2)  
KAREN COHEN (JUN 10)  
TERESA KANE (JUN 13)  
BECKY MILLER (JUN 15)  
ANGELINA TERRIEN (JUN 21)  
DEAN KANE (JUN 22)  
JESSIE JEROVETZ (JUN 28)  
GARY KELLING (JUN 28)  
ROD RYAN (JUN 28)  
DARREL BURNETT (JUN 29)  
BRUCE ENGLEBERT (JUN 30)

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN AND LUANN POLL (JUN 1)  
DAVID AND KATE RIEBE (JUN 1)  
JOE AND GLORIA FELD (JUN 4)  
BILL AND CHERYL SMET (JUN 9)  
PAT AND TANYA CONNORS (JUN 10)  
MIKE AND DEBBIE SMET (JUN 11)  
CURT AND KAY LARSCHIED (JUN 15)  
ED AND LINDA WALLANDER (JUN 17)  
CURT AND DEBBIE SCHWEINER (JUN 20)  
DALE AND KATHY OTT (JUN 24)  
BOB AND KATHY ZAHN (JUN 27)  
JOHN AND KAY DAUGHERTY (JUN 28)  
DOUGLAS AND KAREN COHEN (JUN 29)

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

## DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

## 2025

## SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

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 14	Guy & Elizabeth Ringle	open
October	open	open

## ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

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June 28 - Ride With The Lights  
July 19 - **Summer Party** at Primal Eats  
Aug 2 - Chris Slack Memorial Gandrud Auto Group Car Show  
Aug 2 - IMSA Weekend  
Aug 9 - Algoma Shanty Days Cruise & Parade  
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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:dtlyman@hotmail.com).

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### **Meeting Location**



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