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

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Enjoy the Fall Rides!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

September is upon us! As the cool nights and hints of frost arrive, let's remember that our time to enjoy our beloved Corvettes is winding down. It's the perfect time to take advantage of the remaining club events to relish our cars and the camaraderie we share.

We have 50 people and 25 cars signed up to join Elizabeth and me on September 14 for a scenic ride through Door County. It's a fantastic way to enjoy the open road and the beauty of our surroundings.

On September 17, Jerry Schaefer will be leading a unique road rally scavenger hunt and dinner event. This event promises not only to be a thrilling ride, but also a fun challenge for your problem-solving skills. There are still opportunities to sign up for this fun event. Jerry has created some wonderful hand-crafted Corvette prizes that will be given to the winners of this event. Don't miss out!

As we see the fall colors starting to change, we're also looking forward to the Fall Ride on October 4 and 5, led by Paul and Monica Fineberg, to Copper Country. It will be a beautiful time to be on the road! There is a limited number of openings remaining, so reach out to Paul ASAP!

We still have opportunities for members to sponsor runs or dinner events in October, November and December. If you're interested, please reach out to Sally Steffen to get your event on our calendar! Even though most of us may put away the Corvettes in November, we still look forward to having dinner events available for our club members to gather and socialize.

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Tammy Jones was nominated and volunteered to be our COTB Secretary starting in January of 2026. There were no additional nominations received, therefore there will not be any election needed this year. Thank you to Tammy and all our existing 2025 board members who will be staying on the board in 2026. We also would like to thank Mary Ann Torrez for her dedication and support as the COTB Secretary these past three years. Mary Ann's term ends this December 2025.

I'm also thrilled to announce that we have reached a new record high of 251 club members! A big thank you to our new members who joined in 2025, and to our existing members for making this year so special!

Each year our club identifies club member nominations for the Member of the Year Award. Member of the Year award candidates should reflect the following attributes:

1. Active and involved in the club.
2. They are willing to share ideas to improve the club.
3. Demonstrated willingness to help grow the club in numbers and activities.
4. Heavily involved in planning events.
5. Fun to be with!

If you would like to nominate a fellow COTB club member(s) for this award, please send your nominations to Brian Jones (Vice President) at brianj51@gmail.com or 920-471-7602. You can send the name of any member or members that you believe best exhibit these attributes. It would be helpful if you would include some comments along with the nomination as to why you feel the member or members deserve this award.

All nominations need to be to Brian by October 31, 2025. The COTB Board will review all nominations and decide upon the final recipient at the November Board meeting. The Member of the Year will be officially announced at our Christmas Party on January 3, 2026. For reference, we will attach a list of the previous award recipients in this newsletter.

As the holiday season approaches, mark your calendars for our Christmas Party on January 3, sponsored by Guy and Elizabeth Ringle. It will be an evening filled with great food, featuring chicken and tenderloin tips, along with live entertainment by Daddy D Productions. Be sure to get your \$25 per person fee to Diane Lyman by December 2.

Enjoy the remaining days of our driving season, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our next club meeting scheduled for October 7. Until then, drive safely and enjoy your Corvettes!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2025

Call to Order and Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 6:58pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 90 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve August Meeting Minutes

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

Membership Announcements

New member: Mike Clinebell, originally from Colorado, owns a 1977 black Corvette coupe.

President's Report

- Please consider volunteering to lead an event to keep our momentum going through 2025. If you are willing and able, jump in and plan a dinner run or just a dinner gathering at your favorite restaurant for some camaraderie with fellow club members. We need to have more events in October, November, and December to fill the calendar!
- Thank you to all our members that participate in the meals offered at The Village Grille prior to our meetings. Your participation is allowing us to continue to use this wonderful venue for our meetings.
- 2026 Board Positions – There will be one opening for the Secretary position on our 2026 COTB board. Tammy Jones has volunteered to fill this position starting in January 2026. This is the only nomination received. Therefore, we will not need an election. Thankyou and congratulations to Tammy, we appreciate your support for our club!
- Gandrud 2026 Car Show (Chris Slack Memorial) - Gene Blohowiak reports Dan Mangless from Gandrud would like the club to participate next year as we did this year. President Guy asked for a discussion on whether our club was in favor of supporting the Gandrud 2026 Car Show. The following comments were shared:
 - Could the Gandrud Car Show move to a different weekend than IMSA; both are traditions in this time frame and may be difficult to change.
 - The Gandrud Car Show is done at 2:00 pm; it does not take the entire day.
 - Sunday at IMSA is generally the major event day, so there is still time to participate at the Gandrud Car Show.
 - Pete Bilski states IMSA on Saturday was the only time available in the pits but will try to change for next year.
- Gene and Linda will head the Gandrud/Chris Slack Memorial Car Show again next year – motion was made by Gene, and the club was all in favor to support the Car Show in 2026.
- To keep our meetings efficient and timely, Guy is asking that all event sponsors for both past and future events keep their updates to no more than two minutes in length. Please keep the update to a summary level of key information like meeting time, sign-up requirements, current capacity if there is a limit, or any changes from the website details. Please use email and our website to share significant details.

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. Current membership is 251. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, motion was made by Amy Peters, motion carried.

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

- August 7 – Ice Cream Run to Scoops – Fred and Penny Bartman. Nine COTB Corvettes were on the run. It was a beautiful day, and delicious ice cream was enjoyed by all.
- August 9 – Algoma Shanty Days Car Cruise and Parade – Sherry and Marty LaFond. Patty Vlieger reported 20 Corvettes from the club attended.
- August 16 – Car Show at Classic Mechanics – Joe Torrez. There were seven COTB cars in attendance, and although it rained, it was a nice turnout thanks to other car enthusiasts.
- August 23 – Fundraiser for Hope and Olive – Sally and Tony Steffen. Sally reports a nice day, 71 vehicles were in attendance, with six Corvettes from the club. Stopped at Sturgeon Bay motorcycle museum where pavers were displayed for loved ones who passed away and ended at Waterfront Mary's. \$1944 collected, the fundraising goal was met. More income obtained due to an auction at Waterfront Mary's.
- August 27 – Run to the Red Cabin at Green Acres – Barb and Chuck Maus – Rick and Sally Northrop reporting 15 cars in attendance. Rick indicated it was the first time for the Maus's hosting an event and they did a wonderful job of selecting unique roads. It was a fun ride!

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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.

- September 14 - Door County Adventure – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle. There are 50 people signed up with four couples on the waiting list.
- September 17 - Road Rally Scavenger Hunt and Dinner – Jerry Schaefer. Seven cars are signed up at this time, 18 more can sign up.
- September 24 - Dinner at Dolce Café – Diane Lyman and Kay Daugherty. Diane states there are 13 members signed up so far, with no limit on the number of attendees. She also reported that Lineville Road from I-41 to the Urban Edge is closed/under construction, but you can access the restaurant from Velp Avenue.
- September 27 - Kettle Run – Elizabeth and Gary Kelling – Tentative plan; details forthcoming.
- October 4 & 5 - Fall Ride to Copper Country – Paul and Monica Fineberg: 22 cars signed up, one opening is available. Paul has additional information on the website.
- January 3 - Christmas Party at The Swan Club – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle. Sign-up continues with today’s meeting. Cost is \$25 per person payable to COTB. Diane Lyman will be collecting now through December 2.

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

- Aluminum Can Tab update – Gene Blohowiak - 8.53 pounds collected for August.
- Update regarding Road America Corvette Corral request for funding – Mark Finco. Kettle Moraine Corvette Club has it all under control, no need for any donations!!!!!!
- Corvettes at Carlisle – Brian Jones. Brian and Bill Sarver traveled by plane to Carlisle; there were 5100 Corvettes on display. Paul and Monica Fineberg also attended and are looking to lead a run next year for the club – 2-day ride, a 3-day event. Contact Paul if interested (August 20-24, 2026, are the tentative dates). A show of hands to express interest was asked, and some interest was indicated.
- Any additional topics?
- Displays at The Automobile Gallery – Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery. Richard Bunker’s 1965 Stingray Convertible is featured until September 30. Scott and Vicki Blahnik’s 2007 Corvette will be on display in October and November.
- Amy Peters – If you ordered a Corvette t-shirt from Amy, please see her to pick it up at the next meeting. She is still taking orders if you are interested in a t-shirt.
- Dave Riebe – Has two spaces available for winter storage in a condo garage with heat and electricity on the east side of Green Bay; it is available November 1, 2025 through May 1, 2026. Please contact Dave at 920-412-5777 or driebe2@gmail.com.
- Cynthia Schumacher reported that they are willing to sponsor a run to Mackinaw City Corvette Car Show in 2026 if there is enough interest from our club. Cynthia and Damian attended this year’s event, there were 233 cars in the show, \$40 cost per car. More information to come.
- Carol Jacobs – Carol mentioned that the National Corvette Museum is conducting a Sweepstakes in which a 1967 convertible will be given away at the end of December.
- Greg Rohde is doing some spring cleaning; he has 25-30 Vette Fever magazines for C4-C5 of interest. If you would like any of the magazines, he suggested giving a \$5 donation to the club.

Adjournment, Motion and Approval

President Guy asked for motion, motion made by Monica Fineberg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Mary Ann Torrez

Corvettes of the Bay Secretary

MEMBER(S) OF THE YEAR



OUTSTANDING CLUB DEDICATION

CORVETTES OF THE BAY

Member(s) of the Year Winners

2024	Luann Poll
2023	Dan Terrien
2022	Diane & Ken Lyman
2021	Tony & Sally Steffen
2020	-----
2019	Rick & Sally Northrop
2018	Keith Bauer
2017	Debbie & Don VandenAvond
2016	Dan & Vickie Linssen
2015	Corey Romasko & Lindsay Nordin
2014	Justin & Alicia Bauer
2013	Wendy Cropsey
2012	Gerard Rajek
2011	Sue Rabideau
2010	Tom & Laurie Smith
2009	Joan Moureau & Robert Mertens
2008	Dave Lenius & Bob Naniot
2007	Duane & Charlene Van Campenhout
2006	Mike Cropsey
2005	Don & Sheila Jaeger
2004	Ed & Linda Wallander
2003	Rick & Cynthia Patterson
2002	Paul Allen
2001	Duane Van Campenhout
2000	Harry Liebergen & Mike Hannon
1999	Duane Van Campenhout
1998	Sue Rabideau
1997	Jeanette Long
1996	Debbie Olson
1995	Gene Wagner
1994	Mike Hannon
1993	Dan Kawula
1992	Ken Weinbauer
1991	Joe Rabideau
1989-90	Bob Klessig & Dan Ankeney
1988	Ken Juza
1987	Bruce Coleman
1986	Bob Klessig
1985	Mark Martell
1984	Patty Edinger & Harry Liebergen

1965 Chevrolet Corvette

Sting Ray Convertible

Owner: Richard Bunker

***From Pawn Shop
to Princess!***



Nearly 1.8 million Corvettes have been sold across 8 generations, but very few have a story to match this 1965 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible! After years languishing in a barn, Richard Bunker was united with this '65 Corvette Sting Ray in a Lacrosse, WI pawn shop in 1986. Finding was one thing.... fixing was quite another. In desperate need of care and attention, Richard launched into a laborious 3-year restoration treating his new acquisition to a fresh coat of Glen Green paint followed by a new interior a year later. Changes abounded from top to bottom.... literally. A new convertible top and a brand-new undercarriage courtesy of Corvette Sports in Sheboygan completed the project.

The beautiful styling of the 1965 Corvette Sting Ray was GM Design Chief Bill Mitchell at his best! In all, 23,562 Corvettes were produced in 1965, but only

4,716 came equipped with the newly introduced L79 327 cubic inch V8 with 350 horsepower in Richard's ride. The L79 was a high-performance engine that quickly gained a reputation for its power and responsiveness. And then there is that sweet symphony of sound singing through the side pipes! That engine/exhaust combination was a popular Corvette option in 1965 and has certainly been popular with Richard. Though he owns a 2019 Corvette, Richard prefers driving his '65 Sting Ray the most and has travelled nearly 50,000 miles since completing its restoration.

If his Corvette Sting Ray has gotten a workout, the convertible top hasn't. Richard chuckles when sharing the revelation that he drives his '65 exclusively with the top down well into Wisconsin's chilling, teeth chattering month of December. As a fairly recent member of Corvettes of the Bay, this welltraveled treasure is certainly deserving of being selected as COTB's feature car at The Automobile Gallery & Event Center.

Though 1965 marked the first year Corvettes came standard with an AM/FM radio, you don't need a radio to sing the praises of the '65 Sting Ray. It will forever be in the conversation when debating the most beautiful Corvette ever made!



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


The Automobile Gallery

Ice Cream Run to Scoops in Chilton– August 7



Check out our club's Facebook page for lots of interesting Corvette-related photos and stories, including the Corvette Show in Carlisle, PA, last month.

This is also a reminder to send photos from any of our scheduled events to Luann Poll (lupoll1955@gmail.com) to add to Facebook.

WINTER STORAGE

Dave Riebe has two spots available for winter vehicle storage, with heat and electricity, from November 1 to May 1. East side Green Bay.

If you are interested, please contact Dave @ 920-412-5777.

FOR SALE

Joe Rabideau — Rabideau's Auto Mart, 1461 W. Mason St., Green Bay

2005 Silver Roadster, Automatic, Alpine (Fancy) Radio, with 52,000 miles - \$18,999

2003 Yellow Roadster, with 77,000 miles — \$16,999

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

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Guy Ringle
Vice President - Brian Jones
Secretary - Mary Ann Torrez
Treasurer - Diane Lyman
Board Member - Elizabeth Ringle
Board Member - Cheryl Yursis
Board Member - Sally Steffen

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SHERI DAVIDOVICH (SEP 2)
ROGER JOHNSON (SEP 5)
PAUL SCHMIT (SEP 5)
RICHARD BUNKER (SEP 10)
DAVID DEWICK (SEP 12)
JASON DELLISE (SEP 15)
ADAM BROSTOWICZ (SEP 16)
CHARLES MAUS (SEP 16)
JIM PYLE (SEP 16)
MARTY HOCKERS (SEP 18)
MIKE HANNON (SEP 19)
PATRICIA EDINGER (SEP 22)
HARRY LIEBERGEN (SEP 22)
YVETTE BROSTOWICZ (SEP 23)
KAREN SCHMIDT (SEP 24)
CHRIS TEMPLER (SEP 24)
TERESA DIERCKS (SEP 25)
DON JAEGER (SEP 25)
IRIS JENKEL (SEP 27)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

BRANDON AND ANGELA ROHDE (SEP 2)
CHRIS AND TERRI BOETTCHER (SEP 6)
CHARLES AND BARBARA MAUS (SEP 7)
TONY AND SALLY STEFFEN (SEP 7)
JAMES AND LYNN STEINBRECHER (SEP 16)
DON AND DEB VANDENAVOND (SEP 22)
DAVID AND DEB BOETTCHER (SEP 23)
WILLIAM AND HIYESMIN DEVRIES (SEP 23)
DAN AND MICKEY KOSIR (SEP 25)
RANDY AND AMY PETERS (SEP 27)

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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2025

SEASONAL ICE CREAM RUN LEADERS

Sept 24	Diane Lyman & Kay Daugherty	
October	open	open
November	open	
December	open	

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

Sept 14 - Door County Adventure & Trolley Ride (& lunch)
Sept 17 - Road Rally Scavenger Hunt (& dinner)
Sept 27 - Kettle Moraine Run
Oct 4-5 - Fall Ride to Copper Country
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.

Visit the Events/Community tabs at www.corvettesofthebay.org
to see the most up-to-date list of events!

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

If any of your membership or car information has changed, please advise Diane Lyman at dtlyman@hotmail.com so it can be updated on our website.

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.



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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