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

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Ringing in the New Year!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds all of you in good spirits, despite the winter weather outside. As one of the holiday songs suggests, it can indeed be frightful. This was especially evident on the evening of our January member meeting, which we regrettably had to cancel due to inclement weather and icy roads.

I'm thrilled to share that our Holiday Christmas Party, held on January 3, was a resounding success! Many thanks to our Christmas Party committee consisting of Elizabeth and Guy Ringle, Diane Lyman, and Tammy and Brian Jones, for their hard work and dedication to make the party a fantastic success! Together we welcomed a record number of attendees for an evening filled with joy and camaraderie, great family-style meals and lovely venue at the Swan Club, in addition to wonderful live entertainment provided by Daddy D's Productions. Thank you to Jerry Schaefer and Elizabeth Ringle for gathering 2025 event photos and putting together the lovely slide show highlighting many fun events we enjoyed as a club in 2025. My gratitude also goes to all those who donated door prizes. Your generosity added an extra layer of excitement to the festivities! The smiles and laughter shared that night will surely be cherished memories as we reflect on our many enjoyable events.

Brian Jones, Corvettes of the Bay vice president, announced the 2025 Member(s) of the Year award at the Christmas party. Guy and Elizabeth Ringle received this honor. I can truly say we both are honored to receive this award and want to thank all our club members that supported us in making 2025 such a successful year for our club. We enjoy the many friendships we have gained by participating in our club's many activities. We look forward to what new opportunities 2026 may bring as Corvettes of the Bay continues to flourish.

As we eagerly anticipate warmer days when we can get back to driving our beloved Corvettes, we have some exciting social activities lined up. In January, there is a get-together dinner at Mackinaws Loft on Tuesday, January 27, organized by Sally and Rick Northrop. Contact Sally Northrop to reserve your spot along with your choice of meals.

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Then in February, Elizabeth and Guy Ringle planned a dinner at Hotel Seymour to celebrate Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 15. Please email or text Elizabeth Ringle if you wish to join for dinner and socializing.

As usual, we encourage all members to consider sponsoring additional events, whether it be a dinner in the winter months or a run and social event later in the year. Your time and efforts are invaluable to our club, and your involvement helps us continue our tradition of camaraderie and Corvette driving.

I'm pleased to announce that we have welcomed Tammy Jones as our new club secretary. Tammy was nominated last year and officially begins her role this month. Additionally, Paul Fineberg has volunteered to fill the open member at large position on the board. With no other candidates coming forward, the Corvettes of the Bay board voted to appoint Paul. Welcome aboard, Paul! We look forward to your contributions to our club's board.

I also want to thank Mary Ann Torrez, former club secretary, for three years on the board, and Cheryl Yursis, former member at large, for one year. A big thank you to both of you!

A friendly reminder that your annual membership dues should be paid now! Our club receives most of our income from membership dues. Even though our Corvettes may be put away for the winter, we rely on the financial support from your membership dues to keep the club running year-round.

Please note that our monthly meetings will continue at The Village Grille located at 1390 Bellevue St., Green Bay, WI. This is a change from our previous plans to meet during the winter months at The Village Grille, Hoffman Road location. Thank you to Kathy Proctor for allowing us to use the Bellevue location year-round. I look forward to seeing everyone there in February!

Wishing you all a joyous New Year filled with happiness and good health! I can't wait to see everyone soon!

We look forward to another great year in 2026!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Photos from our Holiday Christmas Party - January 3, 2026 - what a fun night!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
MEMBERS OF THE YEAR 2025!!
Guy and Elizabeth Ringle



2001 Chevrolet Corvette



Owners: Cynthia & Damian Schumacher

The connection between Corvettes and country is patriotism at its purest! It was Cynthia and Damian Schumacher's deep affection for America and America's sports car that inspired them to celebrate our nation's upcoming 250th birthday with a special traveling tribute. Using their Speedway White 2001 Chevrolet Corvette as the canvas, they teamed with Brittany Kurtz of Vital Signs to create an impressive portrait of patriotism. The hood and trunk wear majestic eagles in flight while ribbons of red, white, and blue flow down each side accented by another eagle, the American flag, and Declaration of Independence.

This Corvette couple's devotion to their country and Corvettes runs deep. Purchased from Buyvette, Inc. in Atlanta, this '01 Corvette has everything Cynthia and Damian had on their wish list with its Speedway White exterior, Light Oak leather interior, 4-speed automatic and convertible top. This C5 is completely stock except for adding a little chorus to the baritone exiting the exhaust system with upgraded mufflers. An even sweeter sound comes from people shouting "America!" as they drive through towns creating Miles of Smiles!

Chevrolet did its part to add to that symphony of sound in 2001 with the introduction of the 5.7-liter LS6 V8 unleashing 385 horsepower and 360 lb. ft. of torque. All that power is kept in check by a hydroformed frame providing passengers with a quieter and smoother ride over previous Corvettes. Weight distribution improved dramatically by shifting the transmission to the rear of the car. All those major improvements played out on the racetrack making 2001 a landmark year. The Corvette won 8 of 10 major races in 2001, including an overall win in the 24 Hours of Daytona and a one-two finish in the GTS class at Le Mans.

Just as Cynthia and Damian Schumacher honor our country's 250th birthday, The Automobile Gallery & Event Center is proud to honor the Schumachers for their decades-long devotion to the Corvettes of the Bay club dating back to 1996.



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



The Automobile Gallery

Pop Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Our club is collecting pop can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please continue saving your tabs for this worthwhile cause, and bring them to our monthly meetings. You can give them to Gene or Linda Blohowiak.

Ronald McDonald House Pop Tabs

By Nate Frantick #25220

October pop tab donations:

Chevy's Best Car Club
Wholly Trinity Church, Elk River
Jesse "Bogey" Murray
Sarah Fox

34 lbs.
2.5 lbs.
1.5 lbs.
1 lb.

organization that a lot of car clubs participate in. Some of the car clubs that donate tabs to the group are Corvettes on the Bay, The Cruisers, and The Auto Museum Club to name a few. Every year Dave and a few of the members make the trip to Back to the 50's loaded down with all those tabs! Every year I enjoy meeting new members and seeing the rest of the regular gang and seeing their beautiful cars. Dave wanted me to let the membership know that he can help if anyone wants to check out and join the Garage Sessions group. Feel free to Google search the group or send Dave an email at dkuik@att.net.

From my family to yours, I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season!

 I've had the privilege for as long as I've been volunteering with the pop tab collection to meet some of the guys from the Garage Sessions organization. Every year they bring hundreds of pounds to Back to the 50's. I've mentioned before that last year the group brought 619 lbs. I spoke with Dave Kuik this evening and he explained to me that Garage Sessions is not a club but an automotive enthusiast



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Board Member - Elizabeth Ringle
Board Member - Sally Steffen
Board Member - Paul Fineberg

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

PETER DOYEN (JAN 1)
SHERRY LAFOND (JAN 2)
DOUGLAS VAN ITEN (JAN 2)
DAN KOSIR (JAN 4)
SANDRA JOHNSON (JAN 6)
PAT SEIDL (JAN 8)
CHERYL SMET (JAN 8)
SCOTT BLAHNIK (JAN 12)
WILLIAM L'HUILIER (JAN 13)
KATE DEWICK (JAN 16)
LISA FERNSTRUM (JAN 16)
RANDY PETERS (JAN 18)
JACK VAN ITEN (JAN 18)
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CLIF KANE (JAN 30)
DAVID LIESCH (JAN 31)
CURT SCHWEINER (JAN 31)
MARK FINCO (JAN)

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

WEBB JENKEL AND IRIS JENKEL (JAN 4)
MARK AND BEVERLY HENDRICKS (JAN 23)



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

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS 2026

January 27 Sally/Rick Northrop
February 15 Elizabeth/Guy Ringle
March open
April open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

June 24, 2026 - Curative Connections Visits
July 19, 2026 - Pulaski Polka Days Parade
August 2, 2026 - IMSA Road America

Please think about planning a dinner to fill up the Winter months. 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.

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!

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.

FOR SALE

C-5 Outer parts, complete front to rear
(2) Cars - Yellow or Silver and accessories

If you are interested, please contact Harry Liebergen — 920-660-2451

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
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