



Vette Ventures

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

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The Dog Days of Summer Are Here!

...when the asphalt is blistering, the top is down, and the only thing hotter than the July heat is the roar of a V8 Corvette!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

Thanks to the members that are stepping up to host a variety of events in the month of July. By the time this newsletter is published, we have already experienced the fun of visiting Amish Country on July 10 with Elizabeth and Guy Ringle, along with eating some great pie with Sally and Rick Northrop on July 11.

However, there is still time for some cruising to cool off with the top down. Check out the Ride Around Lake Poygan on July 16 with Fred and Penny Bartman, perhaps take part in the Pulaski Polka Days Parade on July 19 with Paula and Jim Pyle, and don't forget about our annual Summer Party at Primal Eats with Sally and Rick Northrop. Finish up the month with the opportunity to take part in a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Corvette racing team at IMSA on July 31 with Pete Bilski.

There are two overnight trips planned that you will not want to miss. August 28 – August 30 is a trip to Mackinaw City planned by Cynthia and Damian Schumacher. September 26 - September 27 is the club's Fall Run to Copper Harbor led by Jerry Parodo.

I appreciate all the members that are stepping up to keep our event calendar full of these exciting opportunities. There is still plenty of room to host more events in August and September. Let's keep the momentum going!

At our July member meeting we had the privilege to have Andrea Bateman present an update on the National Corvette Museum. There are 46,000 NCM members. If you haven't visited the museum, I strongly suggest you make it a priority. Consider joining the museum as a member to gain access to their excellent publication, "America's Sports Car," and other member-only special events.

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As I mentioned at our July meeting, it is time to start thinking about filling the Corvettes of the Bay board positions which will be open at the end of 2026. We will have a need for volunteers for the following roles: president, vice president, secretary, and three member at large positions. Please contact Guy Ringle if you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles. An election, if needed, will be held in October.

So far, I have heard from the following volunteers: secretary (Amy Dorner), member at large (Carol Jacobs), member at large (Josh Dorner), member at large (Bill Sarver). We still need volunteers for the president and vice president roles. This is a great opportunity for you to give something back to our beloved club. This club survives based upon the volunteers that are willing to donate their time and talents.

Until next month, wishing everyone a fantastic summer filled with unforgettable drives and cherished memories!

Best Regards,

Guy Ringle
President
Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay – Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026
The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI

Call to Order & Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 107 members and guests in attendance.

Motion to Approve June Meeting Minutes – President Guy called for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Motion was made by Dan Brunmeier, seconded by Jerry Schaefer, motion carried.

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in Attendance

- Tony and Gokcin Walch – 2023 Stingray Coupe, Silver
- Brian and Crystal Eichman – 1987 Corvette, Torch Red
- Richard Kohlhoff and Janice Yglesias – 1963 Stingray, Daytona Blue

President's Report

- Let's keep the momentum going and fill the event calendar. Looking for more dinner runs! July looks great! Still room for more especially in August and September.
- Reminder - Sign-up for the COTB Summer Party at Primal Eats ends today, July 7! Pay \$15 per person to **Diane Lyman**. Sally Northrop reviewed the meeting details and stated groups will leave the Bay Port parking lot at 10:45 and 10:55am, a little earlier than originally planned. Troy Peters also spoke about the visit to The Lavender Homestead in Suring after lunch.
- We are seeking members to fill board vacancies for 2027! There will be openings for president, vice president, secretary, and three member at large positions. Volunteers should contact Guy Ringle. Election, if needed, will take place in October. So far, four volunteers have come forward: Amy Dorner for secretary, and Carol Jacobs, Josh Dorner, and Bill Sarver for members at large. Still need volunteers for president and vice president, but more members can volunteer for any of the positions.
- Feed My Starving Children – St. John Lutheran Church in Ashwaubenon is hosting a free community concert and cookout on August 27. Free will donation is encouraged. With a show of hands, 12 members indicated an interest.
- Jerry Schaefer is collecting photos from all 2026 COTB events to put in our end-of-year slide show which will be shown at the COTB Holiday Christmas Party. Please send your photos to him at geraldjschaefer@gmail.com. If you sent photos already, please send them again, as Jerry's computer seems to have lost some.
- We will continue to have our meetings at The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street location.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

- Member count - 235
- Diane reviewed the status of the club's assets and sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards. She noted that after July 30 the club will be paying an additional \$5 for each Kwik Trip car wash card, so the cost to our members will increase also, from \$30 to \$35 per card (for five washes).
- President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Elizabeth Kelling, seconded by Tom Harrison, motion carried.

Special Guest Speaker – Andrea Bateman, Director of NCM's membership

- Andrea presented lots of interesting facts about the museum, such as:
 - There are 46,000+ NCM members.
 - Astronauts Jim Lovell's and Neil Armstrong's Corvettes are on display.
 - Michael Jordan's Corvette is on loan to the museum.
 - She talked about the Blue Devil Corvette.
 - They are building a new 66,000 sq. ft. building.
 - They have 220 Vettes in their collection, 50-70 are displayed at a time, while the rest are stored.
 - Hopefully plant tours will return next year.
- In addition, she gave out prizes for the closest answers to some trivia questions and gave our club the opportunity to have a drawing for two museum memberships.
- Carol Jacobs brought a collection of Hot Wheels cars to the meeting for Andrea to take back to the museum.

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Special Guest Speakers – Kaye Ferg & Dylan Leonard from Gandrud

Our club is assisting with the Gandrud Auto Show on August 1, and Gene Blohowiak introduced Dylan and Kaye as our contacts at Gandrud. They appreciated the opportunity to attend our meeting and meet with our members.

Past Runs & Events (no reports due to our having multiple guest speakers)

- June 3 – Pie Run – Sally and Rick Northrop
- June 4-6 – Corvette Adventures – Paul and Monica Fineberg
- June 7 – Diamonds & Gold's Cruise-In – Dan Terrien
- June 9 – Lunch Run to Mr. Brews Taphouse – Sally and Tony Steffen
- June 13 – 007 Corvettes of the Bay Road Rally – Jerry Schaefer
- June 14 – AllouezFest Car Show – Greg Rohde
- June 20 – Red Lewis Community Car Show – George Yursis
- June 20 – Coffee and Cars Classic Mechanics – Joe Torrez
- June 26 – Cool City Cruise – Joe Flegel
- June 27 – Ride With The Lights – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle
- June 28 – Maribel Parade – Marlene and Glenn Rezek
- July 2 – Curative Connections – Pete Bilski
- July 4 – Egg Harbor Parade – Mike Golla

Upcoming Runs & Events

- July 10 – Dinner Run to Amish Country – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle – A reminder email was sent earlier today to those participating.
- July 11 – Pie Run – Sally and Rick Northrop – The ride is full, with 26 people signed up. Leaving the meeting site at 1:15pm.
- July 11 – New Perspectives Car Show – Paula Pyle mentioned there will be a car show at the Howard location from 10am to 1pm. Feel free to attend.
- July 15-18 – Black Hills Corvette Classic – Dan Brunmeier – Leaving Tuesday morning, July 14.
- July 16 – Ride Around Lake Poygan – Fred and Penny Bartman – Fred summarized the route and said there is still room for more members to participate.
- July 19 – Pulaski Polka Days Parade – Paula & Jim Pyle – Paula reported we will meet at the hardware store at 10am and go to the Hofa Park Tavern for lunch after the parade. Eight cars/16 people are signed up.
- July 25 – COTB Summer Party – Sally and Rick Northrop (see notes under President's Report)
- July 31 – IMSA Event – Pete Bilski – Pete reported on the events of the day and had an agenda to pass out to anyone interested.
- August 1 – Gandrud Auto Show – Gene and Linda Blohowiak – Can always use more volunteers and attendees.
- August 8 – Patty Edinger spoke about a Hog Chapter charity event to benefit men's testicular cancer.
- August 15 – Algoma Shanty Days – Marty & Sherry LaFond
- August 27 - St. John Lutheran Church in Ashwaubenon is hosting a free community concert and cookout to benefit Feed My Starving Children.
- August 28-30 – Mackinaw City – Cynthia & Damian Schumacher – Eight cars are signed up so far. An optional event on Sunday is driving through The Tunnel of Trees on M-119 in Michigan, a scenic, 20-mile stretch of narrow, winding highway that runs between Harbor Springs and Cross Village.
- September 12 – X-Files Run - Jerry Schaefer – Teams will become detectives and try to solve a mysterious case based on eyewitness accounts. Rain date is September 15.
- September 26-27 – Copper Harbor Fall Color Ride – Jerry Parodo
- January 2, 2027 – COTB Holiday Christmas Party – Elizabeth and Guy Ringle
- Any additional COTB events? Looking for volunteers to organize more monthly dinner runs. Contact Sally Steffen (ssteffen276@gmail.com) to have details of your event sent to club members.

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Corvette News:

- New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips
- Aluminum Can Tab Update – Gene Blohowiak – Our club’s collection has increased every year, and this past year we collected 200 pounds. Thanks to everyone who helps with this effort, and a special thanks to Joe & Sue Rabideau and Vicki & Scott Blahnik for bringing in “tons” of tabs!
- Contact Dan Terrien if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery.
- Any additional topics?

Adjournment Motion and Approval - President Guy called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Sue Rabideau, seconded by Dan Brunmeier, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Please buy Scrip (Shell Gas Cards and Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards) from Diane after the meeting. Thank you!

Submitted by Diane Lyman

Treasurer

That’s a lot of can tabs!!

*Thank you, Gene, for coordinating
this effort for our club!*



General Website Information

You can access corvettesofthebay.org on your computer or phone. The "Login" 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.

We encourage having your photo on our roster as a way for members to “put a face with a name” and get to know each other. 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” for a listing of things that have been done in the past.

Mr. Brews Taphouse, Appleton/Darboy — June 9

(a beautiful scenic drive along the river in Wrightstown)



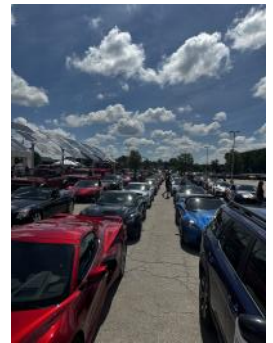
Curative Connections - July 2

(with entertainment by Kevin Van Ess and members of his band,
Talk of the Town)



Ride With The Lights - June 27

WHAT A RIDE!!!



2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Guy Ringle
Vice President - Brian Jones
Secretary - Tammy Jones
Treasurer - Diane Lyman
Board Member - Elizabeth Ringle
Board Member - Sally Steffen
Board Member - Paul Fineberg

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

TOM HARRISON (JUL 2)
SHAWN OLSON (JUL 3)
LISA MULLER (JUL 4)
TAMMY JONES (JUL 7)
BARBARA MAUS (JUL 7)
JAMES STEINBRECHER (JUL 8)
SELESE ANDERSON (JUL 12)
ANGELA DANIELSKI (JUL 12)
JOE FELD (JUL 12)
JEFF ROBINSON (JUL 12)
MARTY LAFOND (JUL 13)
JERRY PARODO (JUL 14)
TOM DANIELSKI (JUL 15)
ERIC PELNAR (JUL 18)
KATIE FLEENER (JUL 20)
DIANE VAN BOXTEL (JUL 24)
CHERYL YURISIS (JUL 24)
MICHELLE BARTOLETTI (JUL 26)
CYNTHIA (CINDY) OTT (JUL 26)
KATE RIEBE (JUL 26)
CYNTHIA SCHUMACHER (JUL 28)

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

CURT AND KATIE FLEENER (JUL 7)
VICKI AND SCOTT BLAHNIK (JUL 10)
GEORGE AND CHERYL YURISIS (JUL 15)
GARY AND ELIZABETH KELLING (JUL 16)
CLINT AND GINA BARTH (JUL 21)
MARK AND KELLY NEMETZ (JUL 24)
DENNIS AND MARILYN HEIM (JUL 28)

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2026

July 10 - Elizabeth/Guy Ringle
July 11 - (Pie) Sally/Rick Northrop
July 16 - Fred/Penny Bartman

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

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January 2, 2027 - COTB Holiday Christmas Party

Please think about planning a lunch or dinner to fill up the calendar. We would love to have several events each month.

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!

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.

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.

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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The Village Grille

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