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

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Cruising Through Summer!

Dear Corvettes of the Bay Club Members,

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of our summer season! This summer, we've had a fantastic variety of events for our members to enjoy.

I hope you took the time to join us for our COTB Summer Party or experienced the fun of cruising through Amish Country, cruising around Lake Poygan, visiting the Corvette Pits at IMSA, and participating in the Gandrud Car Show. It was a great month full of events! Thanks to the members who went above and beyond to coordinate these opportunities for us to socialize and enjoy driving our Corvettes!

Summer still has some exciting events lined up:

- Algoma Shanty Days Parade on August 15, coordinated by Marty and Sherry LaFond. This event is always well-attended!
- Veterans Home Apartments Visit on August 19, Mike Golla and Dan Brunmeier invite you to attend a run to the Veterans Home in Green Bay. Donations of items for the veterans are greatly appreciated.
- Mackinaw City Trip: Thank you to Cynthia and Damian Schumacher for organizing a two-night trip to Mackinaw City from August 28-30. Sure to be a great time!

For more details on these events and exciting opportunities coming in September, check out our club's event calendar.

At our September meeting, we will begin collecting reservations for our Annual Christmas Holiday Party scheduled for January 2, 2027. Enjoy a family-style chicken and tenderloin tips meal at The Swan Club in De Pere, along with live performances by Daddy D Productions—all for just \$25 per person. See Diane Lyman to reserve your spot!

As mentioned last month, we still need volunteers to serve on our COTB board. We are still looking for individuals to step into the president and vice president roles. If you're interested in supporting your club, please let Guy Ringle know before our September meeting!

It's exciting to see our membership grow to over 245 members! However, this momentum relies on volunteers stepping into leadership positions. Please consider giving back to our club so we can keep moving forward into 2027!

Best regards,

Guy Ringle

President

Corvettes of the Bay

Corvettes of the Bay – Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026
The Village Grille, 1390 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI

Call to Order & Welcome – President Guy Ringle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at The Village Grille in Bellevue, WI with 75 members in attendance.

Motion to Approve July Meeting Minutes – President Guy called for a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Motion was made by Fred Bartman, seconded by Rick Northrop, motion carried.

Membership Announcements

New/Potential Members or Guests in Attendance

- Viki Busch. She has a 2024 white Corvette.
- Chuck and Cindy Ott. They have a 2026 black Corvette.

President's Report

- Moment of silence for Gene Wagner. Dan Terrien shared some favorite memories of Gene.
- Our condolences to Marty and Sherry LaFond for the passing of Marty's mother, Mary Ann LaFond.
- Let's keep the momentum going and fill the event calendar. Looking for more dinner runs especially for August, September and October.
- **We are seeking members to fill board vacancies for 2027!**
 - **Volunteers should contact Guy Ringle. Election, if needed, will take place in October.**
 - There will be openings for president, vice president, secretary, and three member at large positions. We have received four volunteers so far: Carol Jacobs – member at large, Amy Dorner – secretary, Josh Dorner – member at large, Bill Sarver – member at large. **Still need volunteers for president and vice president.**
- Jerry Schaefer is collecting photos of 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.
- Luann Poll runs our COTB Facebook page. Please send her pictures and/or videos with a little synopsis from our runs and she will post on our page.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Lyman

- Member count - 245
- Diane reviewed the status of the club's assets and sales of the Shell gas cards and Kwik Trip car wash cards.
- President Guy called for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Luann Poll, Cathy Harrison seconded, motion carried.

Past Runs & Events

- July 2 – Curative Connections – **Pete Bilski** - Successful west and east side visits with strong resident participation. East side received Channel 2 and Channel 5 coverage. Kevin VanEss provided entertainment.
- July 10 – Dinner Run to Amish Country – **Elizabeth and Guy Ringle** - Members enjoyed an authentic Amish experience, including lunch, tours, and a carriage ride.
- July 11 – Pie Run – **Sally and Rick Northrop** - Successful drive and gathering at OJ's.
- July 15-18 – Black Hills Corvette Classic – **Dan Brunmeier**
- July 16 – Ride Around Lake Poygan – **Fred and Penny Bartman** – Sixteen or seventeen Corvettes participated, including Valley Vettes.
- July 19 – Pulaski Polka Days Parade – **Paula & Jim Pyle** - About 18 Corvettes participated, followed by lunch at Hofa Park Tavern.
- July 25 – COTB Summer Party – **Sally and Rick Northrop** - 107 members and 57 Corvettes attended. The event at Primal Eats and Lavender Farm was a major success.
- July 31 – IMSA event – **Pete Bilski** - About 22 members visited DragonSpeed and DXDT Racing and met racing personnel, including Robert Wickens. Event was highly successful despite weather concerns.
- August 1 – Gandrud Auto Show – **Gene and Linda Blohowiak** – Record club volunteer participation. More than 2,000 pounds of food was collected for Paul's Pantry.

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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.

- August 15 – Algoma Shanty Days – **Marty & Sherry LaFond** – See the website for more details.
- August 19 – Veterans Home Visit – **Mike Golla and Dan Brunmeier** - Meet at Festival Foods 11:00 am; depart 11:30 am; lunch at 12:30 pm. Donations of household and personal-care supplies welcome.
- August 28-30 – Mackinaw City Run – **Damian and Cynthia Schumacher** – Thirteen cars, 26 people are signed up. Cynthia will be communicating with everyone signed up for more detailed information.
- September 12 – X-Files Run – **Jerry Schaefer** - Paranormal-themed driver-led run; approximately 2:30 pm start.
- September 14-16 – UP Cruise – **Jerry Parodo** - Three-day cruise featuring seven planned destinations/events.
- September 26-27 – Copper Harbor Fall Color Ride – **Amy and Josh Dorner** – Amy and Josh still want to do the run to Copper Harbor. They have several people still interested, and please reach out to Amy to sign up.
- January 2, 2027 – COTB Holiday Christmas Party – **Elizabeth and Guy Ringle** - \$25/person; entertainment by Daddy D Productions. Payment will start being collected next month, and payment can be given to Diane Lyman.
- 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.

Corvette News:

- **New Corvettes/Modifications/Tech Tips**
 - **Jerry Schaefer** - Added a \$7 silicone caulk modification to prevent gravel buildup in side vents.
 - **Bob Zahn** has a new 2026 E-Ray Yenko in Red Mist. He now has 1619 horsepower. This car also won Best of the Corvettes at the Gandrud Car Show!
- Aluminum Can Tab Update – **Gene Blohowiak** – A total of 39 pounds was collected last month.
- Contact **Dan Terrien** if you are interested in displaying your Corvette at The Automobile Gallery. October–November is available, and the 2027 calendar is open.
- Any additional topics?

Adjournment Motion and Approval – President Guy asked for motion. Motion made by Monica Fineberg, seconded by Luann Poll. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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

Submitted by Tammy Jones

Secretary

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.

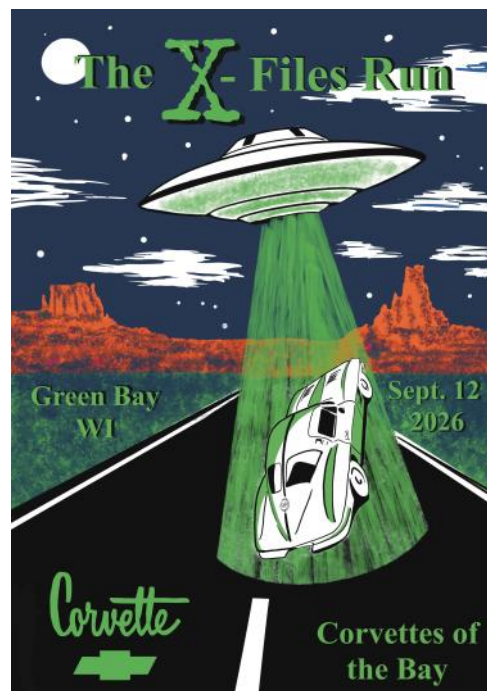
Corvette Stories of the Weird Kind: The Entombed Corvette

An eccentric grocery store magnate in Maine named George Sampson purchased a brand new 1954 Corvette and drove it until 1959. He then decided to secure it inside a brick "tomb" built directly inside his new store. He instructed that it not be removed until the year 2000. However, he voided the will requirement of the 2000 release date before he passed in 1969, but the car remained sealed away until 1986. Upon the new ownership of the store, the new owner dismantled the brick walls to reveal the car to Mr. Sampson's daughter, who kept it in the middle of her living room in Daytona Beach, Florida, for a decade. It was sold to a collector for an undisclosed amount who pledged to never restore it. It has 2,343 miles on the odometer.

Submitted by Jerry Schaefer



COMING SOON.....



Dinner Run to Amish Country — July 10



Pie Run—July 11

Another beautiful day for a drive...to enjoy the delicious pies at OJ's in Gillett.

Some of the members made a stop at the Stone Barn in South Chase for a photo shoot.



Summer Picnic and Lavender Homestead - July 25



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!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

BRANDON ROHDE (AUG 2)
SALLY STEFFEN (AUG 2)
LINDA L'HUILLIER (AUG 3)
JOE FLEGEL (AUG 4)
BRAD MULLER (AUG 6)
WAYNE SCHMIDT (AUG 7)
SALLY NORTHROP (AUG 10)
DEE BELSCHNER (AUG 13)
LINDA BRINGE (AUG 14)
FRED BARTMAN (AUG 15)
DEB VANDENAVOND (AUG 16)
KATHY ZAHN (AUG 16)
ELIZABETH KELLING (AUG 17)
PAUL ANDERSON (AUG 18)
PHIL LEHL (AUG 18)
PAUL BELSCHNER (AUG 19)
GWEN HANNON (AUG 21)
CATHY HARRISON (AUG 21)
JEAN WOLF-PIESCHEK (AUG 21)
DARRELL BRINGE (AUG 23)
RON BRINGE (AUG 27)
STEVE ROHR (AUG 27)
NICK VAN DE YACHT (AUG 27)
DAVID RIEBE (AUG 28)
SUE ROUSSEAU (AUG 30)
BOB DAVIDOVICH (AUG 31)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

KEITH AND LINDA BAUER (AUG 5)
JOSEPH AND MARY ANN TORREZ (AUG 6)
WILLIAM AND LINDA L'HUILLIER (AUG 11)
CHUCK AND CHRIS TEMPLER (AUG 14)
DOUGLAS AND DIONNE VAN ITEN (AUG 14)
DAVID AND MARILYN MOORE (AUG 15)
BRIAN AND TAMMY JONES (AUG 16)
RHONDA AND PAT SEIDL (AUG 18)
MIKE AND GWEN HANNON (AUG 20)
JIM AND PAULA PYLE (AUG 20)
GUY AND ELIZABETH RINGLE (AUG 26)

DINNER/LUNCH RUN LEADERS

2026

August	open
September	open
October	open

ADDITIONAL RUNS/EVENTS

August 15 - Algoma Shanty Days
August 19 - Veterans Home Visit
August 25-26 - Run to SW Wisconsin
August 28-30 - Mackinaw City Trip
September 12 - X-Files Run
September 14-16 - Run to the UP
September 26-27 - Fall Color Run to Copper Harbor
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!

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 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.

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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