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OUR MISSION

The mission of The Chicagoland North Corvette Club is to celebrate the passion of Corvette ownership. We are a social club and promote friendship and camaraderie by participating in cruise nights, road trips, car shows, charitable events and dining together.

> Cover Photo: Al & Shar's 1998 Corvette Coupe 1st Place C5 Stock, Class I 1997 - 2004







1st PLACE, C2 Stock Class C 1963 - 1967 **1965 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible Marshall Loeb**

Here are pictures of my 1965 Corvette Sting Ray. I have owned this beauty for 5 years and really enjoy it. When the C2 came out in the fall of 1962, and I first saw one, I told myself that one day I would have one. Well it took almost 50 years and my wish finally came true. This car is a great driver and I take it out as often as I can. It always gets a lot of thumbs up! What a cool ride!!







1st PLACE, C3 Stock Class E, 1968 - 1985 **1969 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible** Albert Pasternak

I asked my wife what she wanted for her anniversary and she said a Corvette, so I bought this for her. I also got it because I had a friend with a Corvette and his wife made a snide remark that my 1967 RS SS Nickey Camaro was a poor man's Corvette. So, I bought this as (I told her) our winter beater car. I cut the T-Top framework out of another Vette and fabricated a clear Lexan top for the car similar to the bubble tops for the C1 Corvettes. This got the car featured in "Corvette Fever" magazine. My son, Eric, completely restored the car recently.







1st PLACE, C3 Modified Class F, 1968-1982 **1982 Corvette Coupe Kayleen Fairbanks**

07.04.2012

The Eagle, or Bud as I sometimes lovingly call him when he's in trouble (yes, it's a he) was a surprise 30th birthday present from the best husband I could ask for, Josh. I have loved Corvettes my whole life and always envied everyone that had one. We test drove a new one in September and it was amazing, but I have always been drawn to the C3 models. Less than a month later this bad boy showed up in our garage and the picture of me was taken from a video that Josh recorded when I first saw it and was in total shock and disbelief. It's my Corvette, and it's awesome!







2nd PLACE, C3 Modified Class F, 1968 - 1982 1987 Corvette Coupe

Paul Plotnick

I bought my 1978 Corvette in 1984. The car was not in good shape, dirty oil, brown anti freeze, hole in the front end, cracked hood, pitted American wheels and torn seats. The car now has a GM crate engine, lots of chrome, rack and pinion steering, Stainless Steel Brake Products Brakes, Edelbrock Carb and intake, Dynomax headers, Cadillac White Diamond Paint and an Al Knoch Interior. I do drive it. My therapy is to work and clean the car. I never thought when I bought it I would still own it in 2016.







1st PLACE, C4 Stock Class G, 1984 - 1996 1993 Corvette Coupe Albert Pasternak

This car was purchased by my son as his second Corvette. His first one was totaled in an accident. He completely redid this one also. He added racing stripes. One winter we used this car to tow our motorcycles to Daytona, Florida for Bike Week. On the way down we hit a pot hole and bent a rim. Later, the car started billowing smoke from the transmission in Georgia. We replaced it in Daytona. On the way back, we ran into fog in the mountains which turned into 22 inches of snow. Cars and trucks were flying off into each other and into the ditch. When the snow cleared, a car just a few cars ahead of us blew up and started on fire. It was an interesting trip.

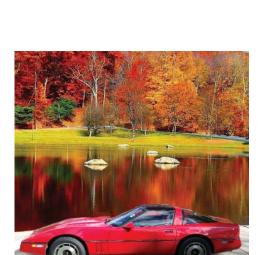






2nd PLACE, C4 Stock Class G, 1984 - 1996 1985 Corvette Coupe Albert Pasternak

We visited the Corvette plant in Bowling Green to do an article on the 1983 C4. They would not permit me to take pictures of the car because it was not yet released to the public. It turned out that a 1983 would never be released to the public. So, I had to rely on my memory and draw the new body style for the magazine article. We liked the style so much that we bought the 1985, giving Corvette a year to work out the bugs in the new car. My son, Eric, also restored this car fairly recently.





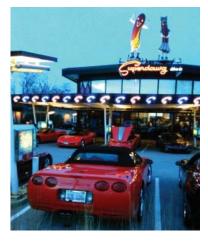
Bloomington Gold was at Pheasant Run in St. Charles in June, 2005. We drove our beloved 1970 Manza Red Corvette convertible there. "Old Red" needed a new paint job, electrical and wiring work and had some other issues. We were there for the day and getting ready to leave when we ran into a fellow club member who told us to check out the Dealer area. That's when we found our 1998 Torch Red convertible. It was in perfect condition and we fell in love. They took "Old Red" in trade and we drove home in "New Red". We were the first in the club to have a C5 Torch Red convertible and then several more followed our lead!











2nd PLACE, C5 Stock Class I, 1997 - 2004

2002 Corvette Coupe Rob & Danielle Phillips

In 2015 we decided we wanted a "fun" car for us to enjoy. Just 15 minutes from our home in MD we found a 2002 Millennium Yellow Corvette base coupe. So, one evening we decided to go take a look at it and I asked to test drive it, apparently, that is an odd request because the sales man says to me "Ma'am, people don't usually test drive Corvettes". I kindly let him know that I didn't care. So, all it took was that test drive and I had made up my mind. We signed the papers and drove her home. In Jan. 2016, we moved out to IL. I ran across CNCC and the members have been amazing. Our daughter has even got Corvette fever!







3rd PLACE, C5 Stock Class I, 1997 - 2004 **2001 Corvette Convertible Dave & Cindy Hibbard**

Hi, we are the Hibbards, Dave and Cindy. We joined the Chicagoland North Corvette Club about a year ago (2015) and we have had a great time meeting and getting to know new friends. Our first Vette was a 1986 coupe that we drove all year (living in Texas); then a 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Coupe; a 2000, Torch red Convertible and now our 2001, millennium yellow, convertible. CNCC is the third Corvette club that we have been members of. The CEN-TEX Corvette Club in Waco, TX is much like CNCC - friendly, lots of social events. We joined the North Shore Corvette Club when we moved to Illinois in 2003, but we never quite fit in. We fell away from Corvette clubs until we found CNCC on the 2015 Route 66 Tour. Thanks CNCC for welcoming us, we are having lots of fun!







HONORABLE MENTION, C5 Stock Class I, 1997 - 2004 **2000 Corvette Convertible Albert Pasternak**

We bought this car to update our Corvette collection at the time, even though it is dated by 2016. It has been a fun car except when one day when the engine died, and the steering wheel locked up at the same time while I was driving it. How no one was killed I will never know. It turned out the Maple tree in front of my house dropped little seeds between the windshield and the body. This clogged the drain vent and caused water to flow into the car. General Motors in their infinite wisdom put the computer right under where the water flowed, which fried the computer. G.M. would not accept responsibility for it, so I had to pay thousands for the repair.







HONORABLE MENTION, C5 Stock Class I, 1997 - 2004 **1997 Corvette Coupe** Lou & Sue Grupe

Give me a red Corvette. The words of Prince in the not too distant past. Little did he know what those words meant! Born on August 23, 1997, number 4355 began it's life as a 1998 at 5:37pm. A fully loaded torch red over light gray coupe with a manual transmission, and an f-45 suspension. Delivered to a dealer in Miami, she for some reason never sold and was traded to a dealer in St. Louis. That dealer traded her to Woodfield Chevy in Schaumburg where we purchased her. She has found a home in our garage where she stands ready for us to jump into for either a short or long journey. She loves to impress people and is always ready for a picture shoot.







HONORABLE MENTION, C5 Stock Class I, 1997 - 2004 2003 Convertible, Torch Red **Paul & Sandy Kosiek**

We are the Kosieks, Paul and Sandy. Our good friends and neighbors, Pam and Brett Bacci, had a beautiful white 2004 C5. They introduced us to the Chicagoland North Corvette Club and that's when the excitement began with meeting new friends and taking road trips. That winter, 2012 into 2013, we searched and searched and finally found our 2003 Torch Red convertible! As we were driving home from the dealership with our new car, on March 25, 2013, it dawned on us that the car was purchased on the anniversary of Paul's Mother's passing. Paul was very close with his Mother and this car holds a special spot in his heart when he drives it. Being a part of CNCC has been a great ride!!!





Who would have thought that by making a smart investment in another auto manufacturer would make it possible to own a 1999 Red Corvette Convertible? This car has brought us so much fun and pleasure. Roni and I have traveled with the Chicagoland North Corvette Club on many road trips, cruise nights and car shows. My other enjoyment of our car is doing racing up at Blackhawk Farms. I did it twice and both times did pretty good.

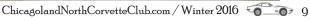












HONORABLE MENTION, C5 Stock Class I, 1997 - 2004 **2002 Corvette Coupe Barry Petrie**

I've been in love with Corvettes ever since I saw my very first one in 1958. It was red with white coves, I was only three years old. Being a car-crazy guy, I fawned over every new exciting generation of Corvette that came out. This is how dreams are made and mine was to own a Corvette one day. As the years went on I didn't know if I'd ever see that dream come true and now, here I am, on my second one! I bought this 2002 Light Pewter coupe this year with just under 10k miles on it. And thanks to CNCC I've already put on an additional 4k. CNCC has been a great source of friendship, fun, and wonderful road trips!







CORVETTE LOVERS AWARD

HIS: Class I, 1997 - 2004 Stock / HERS: Class K, 2005 - 2013 HIS: 2003 Corvette Convertible / HERS: 2005 Corvette Coupe **Greg & Marie Eckert**

These two pretty Corvettes, Lah D Dah, the C6, a confirmed bachelor, and GE24, the 50th Anniversary C5, a widower, met in the parking lot of the Continental after the May 2015 CNCC meeting. Their owners decided to do the Troll Crawl where they made good friends and became good friends. Lah D Dah, seemed to like GE24's style and agreed to stay in his nice, warm garage that winter. The owners saw how well the two got along and how much fun they had together. The owners were also getting along well and began making plans. March 19, 2016, GE 24 got the owners to the church on time, and now cars and owners are happily married and enjoying CNCC friendships and adventures.







1st PLACE, C6 Stock Class K, 2005 - 2013

2005 Corvette Convertible Vic & Marie LaPorta

VEHICLE BIRTH CERTIFICATE

CONCEIVED: Bowling Green, KY BIRTH: May 13, 2005

DELIVERY: Stasek Chevrolet, Wheeling, IL COLOR: Triple Black, WEIGHT: 3199lbs, LENGTH: 175"

TRAVELS: I have experienced many activities with my parents, Vic & Marie. My favorite was a family reunion in 2010 at a CNCC function where I met my extended Corvette family, aunts, uncles and cousins. What a fun family! Well I see Mom putting something special in my fuel tank and Dad getting my sleeping bag ready. I know what that means! SEE EVERYONE AGAIN IN SPRING!





We bought my 2007 Z06 as a retirement present. It is Machine Silver Metallic with ebony and red interior. Through the Corvette museum we arranged to watch the final assembly at Bowling Green. Meaning, along with my son-in-law and 2 other friends, we watched the body and frame move through the plant to the final "marriage of the body and frame". I then got to start the car for the first time (photo of the dash with the car idling and 0 miles registered.) A real adrenalin high!!











3rd PLACE, C6 Stock Class K, 2005 - 2013

2007 Corvette Coupe Bruce & Patty Thompson

For many years we talked about owning a Corvette. But life, kids, money, etc. always got in the way. Finally, when Bruce was turning 60 and close to retirement we thought NOW is the perfect time. What an AWESOME birthday gift. Years earlier at a car show in Cary, we saw a beautiful Monterey Red Corvette and knew that was the color we wanted. So the search began. We finally found one for sale by private owner. After purchasing our Corvette in August, 2014, it wasn't long before we joined Chicagoland North Corvette Club. In doing so we have met some of the nicest people and formed many forever friendships. We are lucky to enjoy our Corvette all year long. Traveling between Illinois and Florida. Life is good!!!





HONORABLE MENTION, C6 STOCK Class K, 2005 - 2013 2006 Corvette Coupe Ken Hedeen & Joyce Aston

THE STORY OF EVE (EVETTE)

Kermit was Ken's first love in 1973 but Kermit was getting on in years. Kermit needed re-hab, it was time for a change. After searching for more than a year, Eve, was found outside of Jacksonville, Florida in May 2009. She had everything that Ken desired, 3LT, Z51 option, custom chrome wheels and exhaust, and low mileage. It was love at first sight. She is his second love until that fickle, Ken, finds another- maybe with a backup camera, navigation, and bluetooth compatibility. But until that day comes, his love will faithfully wait for him in the comfort of a warm garage. And alas, poor Kermit, is dejected- out in the gutter with an empty bottle of Everclear.







HONORABLE MENTION, C6 STOCK Class K, 2005 - 2013 **Corvette Grand Sport Convertible Neil & Karen Nehring**

I have always liked Corvettes and when I saw the Grand Sport C6, I had to have it. So I bought it!

-He didn't even ask me (ugh)!

All kidding aside, we are so happy that we bought our C6. It has taken us to great places with great new friends.







HONORABLE MENTION, C6 STOCK Class K, 2005 - 2013 **2007 Corvette Convertible Charles & Joan Falk**

Our 2007 Corvette Convertible in LeMans Blue is our fourth Vette. It is presented here in front of the Gothic 1863 Saint Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg, Illinois. It looks good and attracts attention at car shows. And, as can be seen, our Golden Retriever, "Miss Charlie," likes to drive it.







HONORABLE MENTION, C6 STOCK Class K, 2005 - 2013 2011 Corvette Convertible Fran Pappas

I purchased the car in June, 2015 and traded in my 2004 Spiral Gray C5 convertible. I had been looking for a Red Corvette.







1st PLACE, C7 Stock Class M, 2014 - Present 2016 Corvette Z06 Coupe **Scott & Susan Wiscomb**

It's been a long time coming. I have worked for Chevrolet for 42 years and have driven a lot of Corvettes. I became more interested when Bill Stasek Chevrolet and I started our Corvette program in 2004. Over the years I wanted a 1971 Steel Cities Gray ~ I still have never found the "Right One". After forming CNCC I realized that an older car wouldn't work for club trips. Over the last couple of years Susan and I have been talking about what we wanted, convertible, coupe, colors, etc. We finally narrowed it down and went from there. Nobody in the family including Susan believed the car was on order until arrival, our Z06 was born.









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2nd PLACE, C7 Stock Class M, 2014 - Present

2015 Corvette Stingray Coupe Brendan Appel

This is my first Corvette, but it should have been my second. By 2005, I had spent 2 years driving my father-in-law's '96 Chrysler LHS, and my inner car guy was busting to get out. The C6 just came out; I drove one, loved it, ordered one and started to wait my 6 weeks for delivery. In return, my wife got a puppy. Once the dog was home, the relentless nagging started over how a Corvette really didn't serve our family with only two seats (and us with two little girls). I explained we'd keep the LHS for when we needed more room, but the nagging continued. Two weeks later, heartbroken, I canceled the order. The puppy remained. I never did like that dog. Ten years later, it was time for a new car and the C7 had just come out. I was hooked, and this time there would be no stopping my dream. My daughter Tori usually joins me at events, so CNCC has given us a great bonding experience. Here's my long awaited 2015 Stingray Z51!





I've owned Corvettes for 45 years - a 1965 C2 coupe (26 years), 1970 C3 coupe (29 years), 2000 C5 coupe (14 years), and now a 2016 C7 Long Beach Red Z51 coupe. The two day Corvette Buyer's Tour, a surprise gift from my wife, provided the opportunity to watch my C7's build start to finish at the factory. This season, the IL Route 66 Red Carpet Cruise brought back fond memories of our two lane Historic Route 66 drive from Chicago to Santa Monica a few years back. At Blackhawk Farms Raceway, we got to test the C7 without fear of speeding tickets. With the season winding down, we headed out for a back roads color run, something we've enjoyed each one of our 45 "Corvette years".













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HONORABLE MENTION, C7 Stock

Class M, 2014 - Present **2014 Corvette Stingray Coupe Tom & Sue White**

The car is a daily driver (34k miles) and has been showed in Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Florida. Rims have been protected with Gyeon Moths, a ceramic coating, allowing a clean look 99% of the time and minimal effort to clean. A F&N oiled air cleaner, WeatherTech floor and cargo mats and an Escort Radar detector upgrades the ride and performance.





My passion with corvettes started in HS - my varsity coach bought a '63 convertible. Corvettes were in my future. My first was a 1985 bronze coupe, but Sylvia made me sell it. Eighteen months later I bought a 1990 white coupe, then a 2000 Bowling Green convertible, followed by a 2006 Velocity Yellow convertible - "The Bee." I always wanted a new Corvette and Stasek delivered! A 2016 Stingray convertible in Daytona Sunrise Orange with Kalahari top and interior - one of 140 in that combination. A treat not a trick – delivered on Halloween. What fun to test it on the Tail of the Dragon. Only mishap - an intoxicated, love sick NC Hillbilly damaged the front end - "Ouch!" Is this my last hoorah? Sylvia says "yes." But never say never.











HONORABLE MENTION, C7 Stock

Class M, 2014 - Present Stock **2014 Corvette Stingray Convertible Tom & Audrey Langer**

We are the proud owners of a 2014 Corvette Stingray convertible. Our car is a Cyber Grey C7 and has a Kalahari interior and top. This is Tom's 3rd sports car but our first Corvette. We love our Corvette for its superior handling and comfortable ride, top up or down. Our car is named Bullet- hence christened on the 2016 Tail of the Dragon CNCC road trip when Audrey woke up from dozing only to discover they were going over a 100 mph without her hat blowing off. This car drives straight and true like a speeding bullet!







1st PLACE, C7 Modified

Class N, 2014 - Pressent 2016 Corvette Coupe **Renn & Sandy Jachimowski**

A Modified LT 3 Z51 2016 C7 Coupe; Long Beach Red with a Spice Red interior (less then 8% of Vettes built with this configuration). The car has been shown in Wisconsin and Illinois. Engine bay upgraded with a Long Beach Red Heat Extractor and Air Intake cover, a Chrome Plenum, and a Hood Liner with Chrome Crossed Flags. Chrome Taillight Bezels and Taillight Grilles have been added to the rear lights and vents AF&N oiled air cleaner, WeatherTech floor and cargo mats and a Valentine Radar detector with a Blend Mount upgrades the ride and performance.







1st PLACE, Special Interest class 0

2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Mark & Diane Hall

Since an early age I knew that someday I would own a Vette. Well, that day came back around the 5th "CNCC All Corvette Car Show." It was another year of doing the show as a vendor and parked right next to us were all the Stasek used Corvettes. After much looking and convincing, Diane said "Ok we can look." And before the end of the week we had the '02 Z06. While we loved that car, this year we got a new love. And while we were a bit sad seeing the '02 go, this '13 427 is awesome. Thanks to CNCC we have put some great new miles on her and we are falling in love with her.





After owning 7 various models of Corvettes from 1999 to present, we starting looking for a ZR1 in 2015. This car turned our heads for being uniquely different, trimmed with a lot of carbon fiber and extremely fast. After many hours of searching during our winter season in FT Myers we finally found one in mint condition with low miles in St Petersburg, FL. We shipped her home in March and named her Ruby for her rich crystal red color. A highlight we will always remember is driving her on the Indy Track! She's a keeper for sure as she showed us what performance & traction are all about!!. We are happy to be members of the CNCC family and driving our ZR1 with you!











3rd PLACE, Special Interest class 0

2009 Callaway Corvette Convertible Charlie & Carol Harrell

I found this 2009 Callaway Corvette and really wanted it. My wife said its nice but its black, I said I'm retired so I can keep it looking good.

Well after two years I told my wife that either we paint this one or get a new C7.

After much discussion we decided that we would paint this one. Morale of the story is that the wife is usually right!







1st PLACE - KID'S CORNER AWARD

Class O, Special Interest 1969 Corvette Go Kart **Albert Pasternak**

I built this Corvette go cart for my son when he was 9 years old. We put it in many parades and it was featured in "Corvette Fever" magazine. It was also featured in the "Daily Herald" newspaper. We entered it in a number of "World of Wheels International" car shows where it took first place. It was in "Vettefest" car shows, and "Popular Hot Rod" car shows at the Arlington Park Race Track. My son Eric enjoyed just driving it around the neighborhood. He and I are still able to jam ourselves into it to drive it.









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