



# On The Road

## CORVETTES IN OUR LIFE

By  
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We live in Sun Prairie; both of us graduated from Sun Prairie Senior High School, where we met. Both of our children, Steve, age 25, and Tracy, age 21, also graduated from SPHS. Gina was born and raised here in Dane County; Pete was raised a Marine Corps military brat and spent his elementary school years in thirteen different elementary schools around the country before his family settled in Sun Prairie.

Pete started his Corvette addiction sometime after high school and before marriage. He owned two Corvettes before marriage, career, kids, mortgages, etc. got in the way and he had to sell them. Pete's career in the Wisconsin State Patrol spanned almost twenty-one years before an on duty car crash (1999) caused him to retire in 2001. Gina has been employed with Dane County as an Administrative Assistant for over twenty-five years, currently working for Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk.

After the kids reached high school age, Pete decided to get back into the world of Corvettes. Over the past ten years, Pete has owned several Corvettes. Mysteriously enough, all these cars have had manual transmissions, and no one else in the family knows how to drive a manual transmission. After nine years of this, we finally decided to get a car that the whole family agreed on: our current Corvette, a 2007 white convertible with an automatic transmission. Even more strange is now that we own a car with an automatic transmission, no one wants to drive it. Everyone is content to be a passenger and let Pete take the wheel (and the top stays up – might as well be a coupe!).

We think the best thing about belonging to the Mad City Vettes Club is that we get to spend time with other local Corvette owners who truly appreciate that beautiful piece of classic Americana sitting in our garages. Plus it makes Pete seem a little more sane.

