



MEET THE MEMBERS

We are Duane & Barb Dickens from Whitewater, Wisconsin.

We met in the summer of 1968. Duane worked at the Chrysler Plant in Belvedere during his school break. Barb was teaching ballet and tap dancing in Rockford. We were married in 1970 and moved to Madison. While living in Madison and working in banking, Duane pursued one of his loves by racing at Madison and Jefferson Speedways.

In 1974, the Dickens moved to Janesville for Duane's career advancement at a Janesville bank. Both of our children were born and started school there. In 1984 we moved to Whitewater (again for a job advancement). Tired of working for others, in 1993 we purchased a small independent insurance agency and have enjoyed working together, growing the business considerably.

As a young boy Duane remembers riding his bike to the car dealer show rooms every fall to see the new models. There was something special about the 1963 Corvette Split Window that started Duane's 40 year dream to someday own one. One of the insurance companies Duane added to the agency was Hagerty Classic Auto. He enjoyed talking to his insureds about their classic cars and telling them that someday he would like to have a '63 Split Window. Through one of his insureds he tracked down his 40 year dream in 2003. Many hours of tender loving care and work have now made it a very fun "driver".

Besides the Corvette Club activities, we enjoy getting out camping as often as we can and traveling to see this great country we live in. We are also season ticket holders to the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badger Men's Basketball team and the June races at The Milwaukee Mile.

We are also very proud of our children. Our daughter Angie, 33, is a Chemistry Professor at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Our son Mike, 31, works for Dart Transit in Egan, Minnesota, as a driver recruiter. Duane is looking forward to the day he can turn the agency over to Mike and retire to enjoy life (and travel) even more.

