



MEET THE MEMBERS

We're Ron and Kathy Stark. Ron was born in Waterloo, Iowa, and I was born in Dubuque, Iowa. We met at Interstate Power Co. (now Alliant Energy) in Dubuque in 1977. Ron had just moved back from a three-year gig building a new power plant in Lansing, Iowa. I was still new at Interstate having started there late in 1976.

We were at different stages of our lives, including other relationships. As time passed, both of our personal lives had major changes, we started dating and were married in October of 1986. We have two daughters who live with their families in Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and we have just become great-grandparents. (Aren't we too young?!)

When the three-utility merger created Alliant, Ron was given the opportunity to move to Madison and my job was terminated. We moved to Sun Prairie in November 1998. Ron worked for Alliant through 2000 until his job went to the newly formed American Transmission Co. (He got a call at the office one day for a rebuilt transmission for a '72 Impala and had to explain he worked with power lines.) I worked at *The Star* in Sun Prairie, as a proofreader, for 5 ½ years. We both retired in the summer of 2006.

On a whim one evening in our first summer here, we bought a small, two-seat convertible and started travelling the beautiful, twisting back roads of Wisconsin. We believe we have seen more of Wisconsin in the past 10 years than we saw of Iowa in all of our prior years, perhaps even more than many of the "natives" of Wisconsin. Blacktop beats gravel any day.

After eight years and two of the smaller convertibles, we started looking for more room and power. There was really only one way to go. In July of 2007 we bought our 'Vette and joined MCV. We have enjoyed the cruises, impromptu dinners, overnight trips and pie runs, and we have enjoyed getting to know a new group of friends.

Some of you have asked about our vanity plate that is "2 VA BN". "Tout va bien" is a French phrase that means "all is good". When we are driving through the great scenery of Wisconsin, on a summer day, in a Corvette, with the top down, it seems that all is good.

