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MEET THE MEMBERS

Davin & Karen Kotajarvi

Greetings from Stoughton, current hometown of 7 MCV families. This month's spotlight is on the camera-shy Karen and Davin Kotajarvi. We have lived in Stoughton since 1985, the same year the General assembled what would become our 4 speed (or is it a 7 speed?) black coupe. We purchased OUR (right, Karen?) car in 1999, the same year we became members of MCV. We have put 61,000 miles on it since acquiring it.

We have drove the Vette into Mexico and the entire length of the Blue Ridge Mountain Parkway and the Skyline Drive. As a warm up to the Blue Ridge drive, we first whipped the Tail of the Dragon (TOTD), before the LEO's started patrolling it in earnest. One of us begged the other to stop the car for awhile or she (whoops) would redecorate the interior. I have since returned to the TOTD on a motorcycle with one of my sons and one of my brothers. My son managed to get a \$10 speeding ticket there.

Our current collection of Corvettes consists of the '85 driver, and 5 completed and one frame off "resto" in progress, what I call my Curio Cabinet Queens. I "restored" the '68 back in 1969 or 1970, and it has moved with me from place to place ever since.

We have been married 31 years and have two adult sons, Kyle and Jared, who enjoy driving the Vette when they can pry the keys from my clenched hand. They drive the car like a baby carriage because they don't want to be the one who damages it. Jared is the only one in the family that hasn't had a tête-à-tête with a member of the police while operating the vehicle.

Karen's interests are baking, which she excels at, flower gardening, and crocheting. Davin's interests are Karen (Pete-can I put that in a family oriented publication?), burning dead dinosaurs in 4 and 2 wheeled internal combustion conveyances, and bullseye and IPSC action pistol shooting. We both enjoy waiting on our cat paw and paw (hand and foot for non-animal people).

If you are still puzzled over the 7 speed, I'll just say, "Fully functional Doug Nash overdrive".

