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Meet the Members

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Wow, this is pretty cool stuff. I've never had to write a biography about myself so this could actually get rather exciting....or on the other hand maybe not, it all depends on your perspective. In any event, here goes. I was born in Madison and at the ripe old age of 6 months my dad was transferred to Ann Arbor Michigan. Unfortunately I wasn't old enough to put up much of a fuss about it so I basically had to go. The good news is that I NEVER became a Michigan Wolverine fan and fortunately my mom and dad moved back to Madison in 1968 after seven years of pure hell! Actually it was really a wonderful seven years through the eyes of a child but moving back to Madison was where our roots were and where the family wanted and needed to be. I have lived in Madison since and graduated from UW Madison in 1982....a Badger through and through! I went to high school at Madison Edgewood and graduated from there in 1978.

My true passions in life are Jennifer, hunting and Corvettes. I have known Jen for a number of years and in 2008 we headed off to Banff, Alberta Canada and were married on Lake Louise....well, actually not right on the lake but on the edge of the lake. I have had the opportunity to travel to a number of places in this world and Lake Louise is hands down the most beautiful place that I have ever been. Our wedding was very simple but we had everything that we wanted....Jen's parents, my parents, some siblings and our great friends from British Columbia who we had actually met in Jamaica a few years prior. Jen and I love to travel, mostly to the Caribbean and out west. We have taken two trips out west in the C5, one to Yellowstone and the Tetons and last year we went to Glacier and up into British Columbia to spend time with our friends that we met in Jamaica. If you ever want to take your vette on some fun roads head for BC....at least I had fun. Jen was a little bit nervous but I convinced her that I had everything under control at 110 mph. We'll have to go back there some day to actually see the scenery, but from what I remember seeing it was awesome! At the border the 'man' asked why we weren't flying. After a strange look from us he said, "well, your license plate says FLYNBYA". One thing that we have learned about traveling in the C5 is that we pack the car with the top down. What doesn't fit stays home because we love going topless! Jen has kind of made her mark in the club as the one who likes to wear the crazy hats. Well, she wears them on some of our trips as well. That's one of the things that I admire most about Jen, she always wants to have fun and if you are into country music like I am the song 'Live Like You We're Dying' (by Tim McGraw) is what we try to live by!

My next true passion in life is hunting. It is something that was ingrained into me as a child when I would head out with my dad and two brothers to chase rabbits, pheasants, deer or anything else that would get us out into the wild. It is truly something that has pulled our family together and made us closer. The toughest thing that our family ever had to go through was the loss of one of my brothers to cancer at the very young age of 38. He was a great heart surgeon and a great hunting partner as well. My other brother just didn't get into the 'hunting thing' so my dad and I continue the family tradition together. Our hunting travels have taken us on elk, bear, antelope, mountain lion, caribou and deer hunts everywhere from out

west (mainly Wyoming) to the Artic Circle. My dad is truly my hero and has always been there for the family. We do a lot of work for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and 19 years ago started the Badger Chapter in Madison. Over those 19 years our local chapter has raised over \$1,000,000 net (yes, that's 1 million dollars). The money that we raise goes to a number of things which support wildlife and the places that they live (ie, buying habitat so the critters always have a place to roam.....translated as NO houses or shopping malls allowed). We always felt that hunting has allowed us to 'take' and that we must in turn give back.



As a child I had a passion for Corvettes and dreamed about owning one some day. However, I really thought that you had to be rich to own one. Well, that's the beauty of the Vette, if you really want one you can probably get one. So, Jen and I actually have two. A brown '78 (the year I graduated from high school since I didn't get one as a graduation present!) and a torch red 2001. One of the best things about the cars is the connection that it has allowed us to make with all of you. This is truly a great club with lots of great people. I know that sounds cliché but it's really true, that's why everyone always mentions it in the Meet the Members section of our news letter. I'm sure that we will probably get a C6 some day but to do that we would probably have to sell the C3 or C5 which would be tough to do. Heck, maybe we could end up like Steve McGilvrey and never sell one, just keep buying more. Speaking of Steve, I wonder if my letter is longer than his.....I tried! Your turn Jen.....

Hi everyone, since Dave already introduced me but wrote about him, I'll do something different. I used the computer to find some questions that will help you get to know me just a bit better. Be sure to read to the end of my letter because I'll ask a question to be answered by next month's 'meet your member'. Maybe we can start a twist to our letters. So here goes...

Are you a morning or night person? I love mornings because the world is just waking up! I love walking Riley (our dog) in the morning. Enjoying the sunrise and the fresh air is just a great start to a day!!

Do you believe in life on other planets? Yes I do. I don't know if they are green with big eyes but I can't imagine we're the only intelligent life! (and after watching COPS last night, I have to even question whether or not we are the intelligent ones!)

Do you have any bad habits? Of course not...right Dave?

Do you have any celebrity crushes? No...I just don't understand that kind of stuff.

Do you prefer sweet or salty foods? BOTH! On our corvette trips I bring a HUGE bag of candy. But I love hot dog sandwiches. And there is an art in fixing a hot dog sandwich...you use bread and 4 hot dogs. You'll have to ask me about that!

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live? I love our new home so for now I'm perfectly content. But there is a whole world out there to explore together! I'm addicted to the tv show 'House Hunters International'.

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go? My dream is to visit Austria. I love the 'Sound of Music' (the first movie I ever saw). I've been to Spain and France (Normandy is a MUST for everyone to visit) and of course Dave and I have traveled to many wonderful places.

If you had a million dollars, what would you spend it on? Since Dave already has a corvette, my first purchase would be an old classic car with big Fins! Just imagine the hat and horned rimmed glasses I could wear! Then I'd buy a home in warm weather since Dave won't move from the snow belt! After that, there would be charities, family and friends!

What do you think about right before falling asleep? That I wished Dave would quit hogging the covers!

What is one regret you have: Of course I could say 'not finding Dave sooner' (which is true) but I wish I had learned how to speak different languages. Traveling makes you appreciate people who have that ability. I think there'd be a lot less hate in the world if we understood one another better.

What is the best band of all time? There isn't a best for me. I love just about every type of music. Pandora is my favorite free radio station that allows me to play what I'm in the mood for. Right now I'm listening to a new artist Melody Gardot - Jazz/Blues!

What was your favorite childhood television program? Manix, Hawaii 5-O, HeeHaw

What is your first thought when you wake up? That I'm cold because Dave hogged the covers all night!

So the question that I'll ask the next member to answer in next month's newsletter: If you could possess any super power, what power would you choose?

Thanks everyone! I have to say that joining the club and getting to know all of you has just been wonderful!!!