



On The Road

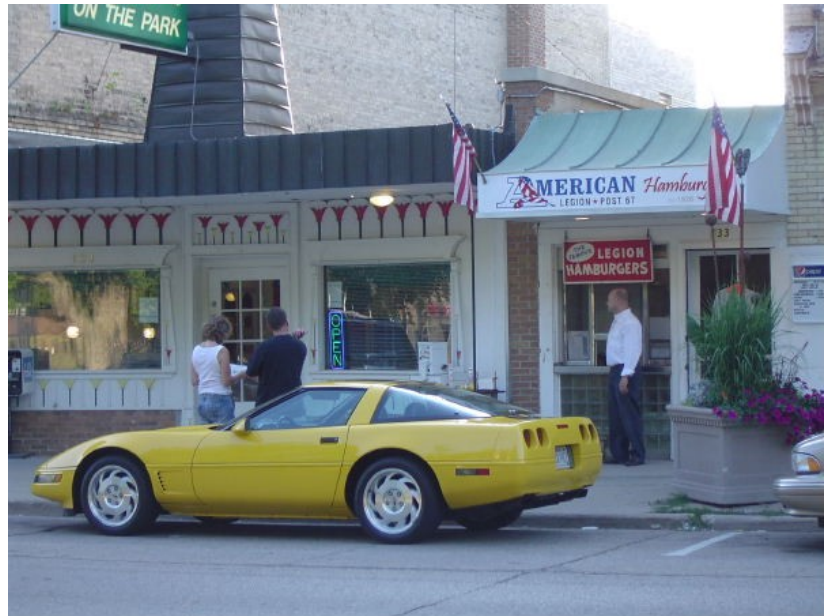
Meet the Members

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First off, let me say I don't have as much history as some members. I have not been on the planet as long!!! Where to start, well, I guess about Corvettes. My love for Corvettes started even before I was born. That is what my Dad told me. They would take me for rides, well sort of, Mom was carrying me for 9 months. So when she was in the Corvette, I was in the Corvette. Get the picture, that was their little joke, ha ha, so I did not get the full effect! The Corvette was a '68 427. I have only seen a couple pictures of it. Yes it was Yellow, with a black racing stripe. Just before I was born, they sold it. It would be 30+ years later until I sat in a Corvette, by myself. I do remember having a toy Corvette though. You would put a pull cord into it and pull it out to make it go. I left tire marks a couple times on a jump!! Talk about horsepower!!

I was born in Madison WI and moved to Waunakee WI when I was two. I was your typical boy, played sports in the backyard, caught frogs, fish and rode my bike everywhere. The only time we would be home was to eat and do chores. The rest of the time we were playing outside. I would come home covered in grass stains and dirt. I was lucky I never got hurt or broke a bone. Well once I did knock-out myself sledding. For some reason I liked school, that was because that is where all my friends were. In High School I was in the band (Marching, concert and Pep Band.) I also played Soccer and a bit of Baseball. This was the late 80's and yes I did have Mullet!! After graduating High School I went to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. One memory I will have forever is being Stevie Pointer the School's mascot. I had so much fun being a mascot. I had some good bumps and bruises also from being Stevie. Next time you see Bucky know it is hard work.



On one summer break from Stevens Point I lived in Colorado working for the U.S. Forest Service. I did everything from trail maintenance to fighting forest fires. I have even had one of the jumbo tankers fly over my head just after dumping it's fire retardant. That pilot was good, she missed us and dropped her load where she needed it. I jumped around the next few years moving here and there doing different jobs. Well, needing money and health insurance, I worked at Woodman's on the West side. I also had a part time job at the Waun-a-bowl. That turned into my full time job few years later when the owners wanted me there full time. In 2003 my folks and I joined Mad City Vettes. My Dad was looking to find a '68. We joined the club to tap the knowledgeable members. That was the spring of '03. A few years later I was running the show. I was President of Mad City Vettes from '06-07. That last year of my term I got my first Corvette. It is a 1995 Corvette. The color is not "Stop me Red but Pull me over Yellow." I have done many a car show and Corvette shows with it. Last year I was in the Chicago area 3 times showing it off. I do win now and then, so some members gave me the nickname of "Trophy Hog." I also put on a lot of events for the Corvette Club. The biggest one being The Chili Bowl, a Chili contest and bowling tournament. I do also set up trips to Car/Corvette shows now and then. The past couple years I have set a color run in the Fall that I call "Hibernation Picnic," one of the last events before the Corvettes get put away for the Winter. Another hobby I have is traveling around and trying burgers. Yes I do take my Corvette with me sometimes. I do write about my burger adventures on a blog and have met some nice people on my trips.

I was asked a question from the previous meet the members. The question was: "If you could possess any super power, what power would you choose?" I would want to be able to fly.

The question that I ask the next member to answer in next month's newsletter is:
If you could go back in time, what year would you visit?

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