

Tell them it's a 40-year *Mid-Life Crisis!* *CCND MEMBER OF THE MONTH*

By Larry Boyer

I guess like a lot of Vette lovers the purchase of my 1981 beauty was a life long dream come true. The date was July 5, of last year. Most of my friends and family call it a mid-life crisis; I correct them and tell them it's a '40 year mid-life crisis'! This has been brewing inside me for a long time and the time just happened to be right. The budget couldn't handle a C2 or C5 (maybe some day) so I looked for 6 months until I found the one that fit both my budget and me.



From the days admiring the new Vettes arriving at Van's Chevrolet (now Nucar) to the new C5s, there has never been another car; I have always wanted a Corvette.

The search began at the beginning of 2001 when I started talking to a couple of guys at work, one had an '85 and the other one was looking for a late model C4, about how owning a Vette had always been on my wish list. Other lifelong priorities had managed to put that thought way back in my mind for so many years. Well, the more we talked the more I got it in my head to start looking. Not seriously at first. Then it became a contest, who, between the two of us, who didn't have one would get one. I went through the usual routine, Corvette trader, Internet, weekend News Journal, etc. Drove all over the state and then some. Usually the same story, the ad for the car was much better than the car itself.

As Chris said in last month's 'CCND member of the month', I don't have any wrenches in my toolbox either so I wasn't looking for a 'fixer upper'. I needed one I could drive.

Six months later I found the one I wanted. The lease was about to expire on my too high priced SUV. I made my wife a deal that the cost of the Vette and a used car for commuting to work would cost no more that the value of the current lease. It worked out. I'm happy and my wife's happy – always a good thing.

Oh yea, the other guy wound up buying a new house. Guess he'll be dreaming just a little longer.



Larry, you are like many of us who had to wait to fulfill a life long obsession. I would like to see a show of hands for all of us 40 and over first time Vette owners. Congratulations and enjoy your beautiful 81 Corvette... *Joe DeSanta*