

Member of the Month

Michael Crank

I wrote one of these for my first Vette. I kind of figured it was time to write one for the new one. Let me start this by saying I had NO intention of buying a car last year at Corvettes For Kid's. I blame all of this on Don McCloud. He was kind enough to let me drive his C5 that day. I was completely thrilled! What a ride! It was his entire fault. I see this blue Vette for sale and I won't even look at it. I know it's exactly the car I would love to own, and I also know that if I even think about buying another car I may have marital complications! So I finally give in and look at the car and it is really sharp. Someone has taken really good care of it. But that someone isn't at the show and won't be till later. I'm thinking this isn't going to work; somebody else is going to get this car before I get a chance at it.

I finally meet the guy and it turns out that he's the past President of Keystone Corvette Club and Don knows him. Not wanting to do anything at the show (and all the while not



wanting to get killed when I get home)

Michael's C5 at the CCND Fall Concord Mall Show

I told him if he didn't sell it on weekend I'd call him Monday. I'm sure he thought I was not interested but I really was, I just didn't want him to know. So I call him Monday and wouldn't you know somebody is coming to look at it. I felt like it wasn't meant to be.

The part that I left out of all this was my wife was fine with it, if the price is right. The woman never stops amazing me.

At Corvettes For Kids that day I got Lance Miller and his mom to sign my 1/24 scale car of Chips 57. What a thrill for me to finally meet them and get the car signed. So we take the new Vette on it's first run - where else but to Carlisle. I find Lance, tell him I bought the car that was sitting next to his Speedster that day, and he agrees to sign it as well. I'm telling you that was highlight of Carlisle for me! I couldn't have been happier - well maybe. A few weeks ago I went to Corvettes For A Cure. I was really shocked, and believe me, really honored, to get the Lance

Miller Choice Award. To be honest, we have all thought about getting that special trophy or that special award. I'll tell you, this one means everything to me because it wasn't just about "the car" it was about what I've done as a person for my friends, family, and the charities that I strongly believe in. I try to give back as much as I can, and to have someone as respected as Lance Miller give you an award is PRICELESS. Like I said it really wasn't about the car so much that day as it was about the people. Since then I've had a few talks with Lance, He is truly, one of the nicest people you will ever meet. If you haven't, you should. I should really thank Lance's wife Michelle, I'm pretty sure that she had a lot to do with the "choice " that day.

This past weekend I went to Corvettes For Kids, the show where I found the car last year. Wouldn't you know I get a trophy from one of the kids? It kind of puts an end to a great year with this new hot rod.

About the car, it really doesn't matter does it?

***ENJOY THE RIDE
MICHAEL CRANK***



Michael's C5 at the 2007 Corvette for Chips show