

# Member of the Month

Dan Frost

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My wife Lesley and I moved to Delaware in 1995 after having been hired to work as a Control Room Supervisor at the nuclear power station in Salem, NJ.

Before that I served for 7 years as an officer in the submarine service and spent 39 months aboard the USS Kamehameha (about 12 months of that was underwater).

After moving to DE, Lesley got a job at the preschool around the corner. By 1999 we purchased the center and then another in 2001. By 2004 I was able to quit my “real job”. This allowed me to concentrate on two things that I always wanted to do. One was to get my MBA and the other was to build my own car. So in 2005 I ordered a Cobra roadster kit and over the next year I was able to get a Shelby replica on the road. It took another year to get the body and interior finished. Upon finishing my MBA I took a position with a startup company, PAIR Technologies, in Newark.



So where does the '56 Vette fit in? Ever since I was a kid in the 70's I've loved corvettes and always wanted one. My first love was an early 70's stingray. With the help of countless hours of watching Barrett Jackson auto auctions I began to appreciate C-1s and C-2s not only for their incredible good looks, but also for their potential investment value. After having looked off and on for years at Corvettes, I never figured I'd ever pull the trigger and actually make the commitment and spend the money on one. One Sunday afternoon in January or 2006 while watching football playoffs I found my '56 on eBay. It

was nearly fully restored and located in W. Virginia and therefore reasonably easy to retrieve.

Since the purchase I've repaired the emergency brake, the horn and the windshield wipers in order to get it on the road. I rarely drive it as I feel the need to hold onto it as an investment (I still have 3 kids to get through college). When I do take it out it gets lots of attention. As for the cobra, I drive it frequently and have put 5,000+ miles on it.



As for who has the oldest car in the club, here's my VIN. I assume that a lower number means an earlier build date but I could be wrong.

Finally, I'd like to get a C-5 or C-6 that I felt I could drive anytime and not have to baby it so much. This isn't going to happen anytime soon as I've run out of space in the garage and the driveway.

