

Member of the Month

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I Love driving my 1971 Coupe...the feel of shifting, feeling every road seam and crack in the road. Those hot headers next to the floor boards makes your feet cook with seats that could be better designed for comfort and exhaust sound that is ear catching-those are the real muscle cars. But while I'll never part with my Flame Red Coupe, I was looking for something with a bit more comfort, little easier to drive in heavy traffic, and something that has A/C that actually works while sitting in the Carlisle traffic on a hot August day. Back in November I started looking for a 1998-2001 C5 coupe, preferably a "Bowling Green Metallic" with Oak interior, or an Nassau/Electron Blue with gray interior, automatic, low miles and a price I could afford. I was in no hurry to make the purchase so I decided to casually look around and see what pops up. Most of the cars that I read about were high mileage or over priced for my budget. However, in January 2008, my nephew called to tell me that he just saw a 2000 Bowling Green Metallic for sale, had 33K miles on it, two tops, heads up display, Oak interior, etc. and in my budget range. The owner lived in Annapolis, who I called right away and made an appointment to see the car on the following Saturday. The seller was the second owner, he said I was the first caller who wanted to see the car, so off JoAnne and I went on a crisp beautiful day to Annapolis.



When we arrived, "Jim" greeted us at the garage with the 'Vette parked diagonally in the garage, the car was very clean, some minor road chips on the hood. We road tested the car and I knew what I was going to do after a 20 minute ride...we ended back at Jim's house where his wife provided some refreshments and made us feel very comfortable. Turns out that Jim's wife is a nurse, same as JoAnne so they had a good discussion. At that point I made the offer to Jim and we shook hands-deal done. Jim was in the process of buying a new 08' so this helped him in the down payment he was making the following Monday.

Have had the car now for 6 months and love it, beginning to think about some "other" things I can do to the car to bring some unique character to the look and feel. Jim and I stay in touch as part of the Corvette family.

The experience was great, the seller was a "'Vette Guy" that made the transaction go smooth and we both felt good about the deal. A win-win for all!!