



Willamette Valley Corvette Association Member Profile: Clay and Lan Mumby

Members Since: 2004

Corvette(s) currently owned: 2005 DSOM coupe

Corvette(s) previously owned: 1996 Torch Red coupe and 2000 Millennium Yellow coupe.

Current Office (if appropriate): Immediate Past President

Past Offices/committees (if appropriate): President in 2010, Historian in '06 and '07

Joined WVCA because: While living in California, I met Dave and Kay Hanson at a southern Oregon corvette event. They introduced us to other WVCA members and when we moved to Oregon it was natural that we joined this club.

Drives a Corvette because: When I was 13 I had a friend a few years older than I who was learning fiberglass repair. His dad bought him a damaged '58 and as the restoration progressed he would pick me up and we would cruise the "gut". If you lived in Salem during the early '60s you know what I'm talking about. That early exposure hooked me on corvettes. Unfortunately I had to wait until I was 50 to buy my own corvette.

Favorite Corvette Drive and/or Activity (WVCA or other): This club has had some really great trips and events. If I had to choose I would submit the 2006 High Desert Corvettes event where our club won six individual trophies and the Club Participation Trophy, the National Parks Tour we did last summer and the Cowboy Dinner Tree trip as some of the more memorable.

Other /Corvette/car clubs current or past: In Susanville California we belonged to the Lassen Country Corvettes, Ltd.

Employed or Retired: Lan and I both retired in 2003.

Career: I spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force in Law Enforcement and retired in 1986. I then went to work for the California Department of Corrections for 17 years in Inmate Classifications and retired in 2003. Lan also worked in CDC in the Records Division and also retired in 2003.

Hobbies or Interests: Throughout my school years in Salem I played the drums. I participated in all the different types of school bands and orchestra. I was a member of Salem's Drum and Bugle Corps and although I was under age, I played a few gigs with a Rock band at the Aumsville Pavilion. My other main interest is fitness. I played racquetball and was a runner for about twenty years but after two knee operations I had to give up both. Lan and I still go to our fitness center five days a week and even when we travel we try to stay or go somewhere that has a fitness center (and of course coffee).

Something you may not know about Clay and Lan: I am an Oregon native and graduated from North Salem High in 1966. I joined the military that same year and didn't return to live in Oregon until 2003. I met Lan while stationed at Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base from '71-'73. She worked in data entry in the base Supply Squadron. We met in 1972 and were married in 1973 having a traditional two day Thai wedding (exhausting). Since returning to the U.S. we've lived in North Dakota, Spain, Michigan, Nebraska, California and now Oregon. Our son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live in Clovis, California. Lan collects Boyd's Bears and cobalt blue glass.