



Willamette Valley Corvette Association Member Profile: Walt & Raija White

Members Since: 2007

Corvette(s) currently owned: 2011 Grand Sport, Crystal Red Metallic

Corvette(s) previously owned: 1980 Coupe, 2004 Coupe

Corvette(s) you would like to own: got it!

Current Office (if appropriate): Raija volunteered to be WVCA secretary for 2011 - 2012

Joined WVCA because: thought it would be fun to belong to one club together

Drives a Corvette because: we love sports cars, especially Corvettes

Favorite Corvette Drive and/or Activity (WVCA or other): driving on winding back roads in our Corvette

Other /Corvette/car clubs current or past: None.

Career: Walt retired after 30 years with Employment Department, State of Oregon where he was a Program Technician. Before that he was a Hearings Review Supervisor and Officer. Prior to that Walt was an Employment Department Tax Auditor. He has a Bachelor of Science in General Studies, Arts and Letters and a Bachelor of Arts in English with Journalism Certification and was qualified to sit for the CPA exam.

Raija is a self-employed artist and has painted murals in schools, businesses and private homes throughout the Willamette Valley, Portland and Sun River. Her art has appeared at Bush Barn and the Oregon State Fair. Raija was Director of the Cherry City Art Guild and a member of Salem's Artists in Action. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

Interests: Walt entertains himself with computer programming (C++, VBA) and reads 2 or 3 books at a time. Michio Kaku (physics) is one of his favorite authors. He belongs to the Portland Access User Group and attends an annual database designer's conference at Silver Creek Falls.

Raija's interests are painting, interior design, movies (at the theater) and her beloved dog Gracie.

Something you may not know about us: Walt's first car was a TR3. We've had TR4s and an MGB. We had a bumper sticker that said, "The parts falling off this car are genuine Lucas." In college Walt made extra money performing magic shows. He enjoyed snow-skiing and racquetball for many years.

Raija was born in Finland and grew up in Eastern Canada. Her family moved to Portland while she was in high school. After training in Chicago to be a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America—like the Peace Corps but in the US) she worked for a year, at poverty level, on an Ojibwa Indian reservation in Minnesota.