

# Mary Brockhoff

## "A Love Affair"

**M**ary Brockhoff, CNCC's web mistress, began her lifelong love affair with Corvettes at the age of ten on the day her Uncle appeared with a Nassau Blue 1966 Sting Ray convertible. She soon learned that if she was waiting outside when he arrived, she would get a ride in her favorite car. She vowed that she would some day own a Corvette.

That love would remain unrequited until the fateful day of April 21, 2007 when she visited a Chevrolet dealership in Libertyville.

Her intention was to have a fun test drive with the fully loaded 2001 Torch Red Convertible with black interior, but things quickly changed when she took over the steering wheel. At that moment, her Corvette dream came true.

Back at the dealership, Mary's son Matt discovered the new dream car had curb rash on the five spoke rims. Fortunately, the salesman agreed to swap the Run Flats on the 2001 with a 2002 Corvette's Road Pilot II's and perfect rims. The deal was on.

To celebrate her purchase Mary and CNCC member Tommy Tee drove her new treasure to Lake Geneva the next day. It was the first perfect day of spring, and she had never seen so many Corvettes on the road. Soon Mary was correctly waving to her fellow Corvette drivers and felt like a part of something special.

Mary immediately began her wish list of accessories for the car. Steve Rubin, Tommy Tee, and Matt added the C5 exhaust plate, GM cross drilled/slotted rotors and brake pads, Z06 front, side and rear screens, and fuel rail covers. In the future she plans to replace the stock exhaust because she wants to hear it roar when she accelerates.

Corral, providing water and towels so Corvette owners can clean the road dust off their car. "I was sitting in my Corvette watching Corvettes blow the Cobras into the weeds thinking, 'This is great!'"

Another memorable journey was to Indianapolis, Indiana where Mary became a part of racing history. For \$7

she got to complete a fast lap on the Indy 500 race track, and she has a picture of herself in her Vette to prove it. She enjoyed viewing Gasoline Alley, the Indy Museum, and the pit crew.

### Web Site

In case you are wondering, Mary developed her web site skills through her job at Allstate Insurance. "I work with computer hardware, software, and desktop publishing as part of my work. I helped the Web Solutions Team create an Allstate web site.

To date, I have developed three web sites relying on my imagination to fabricate design. I enjoy being CNCC's webmaster because it allows me to work with what I love best — Corvettes." Mary's other hobbies include scrapbooking and rubber stamping.

### Future

No doubt Mary's future includes another Corvette — perhaps a C6. "My first Corvette had to be Torch Red, but I do like that Jet Stream Blue," she ponders. We'll just have to wait and see what she selects.



### Triplets

When Mary drove to the Rolling Meadows cruise night and parked next to other CNCC members, she realized Al Pasternak and Al Wayman had similar looking red convertibles. No one could tell one from the other, so Mary added a black racing stripe to the driver's side fender of her Corvette to identify it.

Mary also drove her Corvette to the Road America vintage races in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The Kettle Moraine Corvette Club manages the Corvette