

Ed Keil

This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Ed Keil. He currently owns a 1972 Buick Riviera 2dr Sedan and a 1972 Chevy El Camino SS. Ed has been in the old car hobby for at least 31 years and has had several old cars during that time. When asked which was his favorite car ever, he said a 1967 Chevy Corvette. Ed owned this 1967 Vet for 26 years, and when asked why it was his favorite, besides owning it for 26 years, he said it was such a rush to drive. This Vet was one of only 850 built that year with a 427 CI engine that developed 435 HP.

Ed has been a member of the Gateway Buick Club for 17 years, joining in July 1991. Ed was secretary of the Club for five years. And as most of you know, Ed is quite the detail man in our Club. If you want to know something about the history of the Club or anything about the Club's by-laws, you ask Ed. Ed did help put together and later revise the current Club bylaws. He has served the Club in many capacities, including having been a board member for several years. Ed helped organize and worked on all three of the large Buick car shows that we have hosted and has served on countless committees. If we had a Club full of Ed's, there would be nothing this Club couldn't do. Thanks Ed for all you do and have done!

Besides his old cars, Ed likes genealogy. He has traced his German family history back to the 1600's, eleven generations. Ed was active in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America and served as Assistant Scout Leader for several years.

Ed has been and still is involved with civic work within the City of Florissant. He has volunteered his services in making videos for the Florissant Fire Department about the history of the fire department and the firemen that make up this group. Also, Ed has helped with landmark properties in Florissant, getting together the history of some of the old buildings.

Ed graduated from Rolla, MO, earning a BS degree in chemical engineering. He worked as a chemical engineer for McDonald Douglas for 35 years. His assignments included propulsion systems and aeronautical structural testing.

Ed and Nancy have been married for 54 years and have six children – five boys and one daughter (now you know why he was in the Boy Scouts); 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ed was drafted into the Army and served from 1953 to 1955. He did most of his enlistment at Ft. Benning, GA, where he trained officers in field communication. Thanks Ed for your service to our country!

