

Steve Dodson

This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Steve Dodson. Steve currently owns a 1968 Buick Electra convertible, a 1962 Chevy Corvair convertible, and three 1957 Mercury's (one drivable 4-door hardtop; one 2-door hardtop which is being restored and one 2-door hardtop parts car).

When asked which was his all time favorite car, Steve said it was his 1957 Mercury 4-door hardtop. The reason being his first car was a 1957 Mercury Montclair 2-door hardtop he owned when he was 18 years old and a senior in high school. His current 4-door hardtop brings back lots of memories. It's pink and white (yes, pink) with full power everything and is a real pleasure to drive.

Steve joined the Gateway Chapter Club 20 years ago when he first acquired his 1968 Electra and our club was hosting a Heartland Regional Show at a Holiday Inn Hotel in North County. Steve has been a very active member; being elected President for two years, Vice President for four years and has served on numerous committees.

Steve's hobby is stained glass, which he has been doing for 30 years. Mostly he does work for private homes, but he has created some large windows for churches also.

Steve's occupation for the past 42 years has been insurance broker. One enjoyable side of this occupation is that he gets to write insurance on lots of old cars. Thus he gets to look at and photograph lots of them and has the opportunity to talk to and get to know the owners.

Steve became interested in cars at an early age. His dad let him drive the family car down on the farm at the age of 12. He could name the cars coming down the street a block away. He always wanted to own a

classic car some day. That day came when one of his customers passed away and Steve was able to purchase his 1968 Buick. The rest "as they say" is history.

Steve served his country in the Army for three years in the mid 1960's. He earned the rank of Specialist 5th class (Spec 5). He was a personnel specialist and was assigned to duty at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, GA (Military Police School) and also spent a year and half in Germany with the 555th Signal Unit.

