

RPM Feature Article: "My Corvette Story" by Don Geary #29217

Ever since we took a tour of the Corvette factory in 2015, we fell in love with the Corvette color Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat. We also fell in love with the C7. This is the culmination of a long history of world class front engine sports cars. Although I'm a big fan of a manual transmission in a sports car, old age makes it a little less fun shifting on a long ride. Thus, I started looking for an automatic C7 in Long Beach Red over the winter of 2021-2022. I soon found out how hard these cars are to find, due to low production numbers and trying to find one with low mileage and "head up" display. So, I kept on looking for months.

I also needed to make room in our two-car garage, which already housed three cars. We had to sell a 1994 ZR1, a 1978 L82 Silver Anniversary and a 1983 Datsun 280ZX.

So, I posted the '94 and the '78 on the NCRS online website and in the driveline to see what would happen. I think it took a week for my first inquiry and this NCRS member from Michigan wanted more info on the '94 ZR1. This car was a multiple top flight car at the regional level and he wanted to know more history and see more pictures along with the multiple judging sheets. He was actually using the judging sheets instead of driving from Michigan to make his buying decision. He also graduated from high school in 1994 and that helped. After asking some questions about the judging deductions, he made me an offer that I accepted.

When he came to pick up the car to drive it back to Michigan, he looked in the garage at the '78 and became very interested. After he got back home with the ZR1 he called me and made an offer on the '78. It was a reasonable offer so I accepted and a week later, he picked up the '78 with a trailer. It was sad to see them both go, but they went to the same owner and he sent me a picture of them side by side in his garage. He also told me later that the '78 had been sold through the Yenke dealership which I suspected but didn't know for sure.



In this photo, Judy and I saying good-bye to the '78 SA. New owner on the right.



*In this photo
the '94 ZR1
and the '78
Silver
Anniversary
Edition in the
new owner's
garage! Still
together!!!*

By now I got a lead on a 2017 Z06 automatic in Long Beach Red located in Jacksonville, NC. Yes, there's a little town in North Carolina named Jacksonville, near Camp Lejeune, and it has an airport. After talking it over with my wife, and then the salesman I sent them a deposit to hold the car until I could see and test drive it. I flew down to Jacksonville and the salesman met me at the airport with the Vette. Wow, what a dramatic pickup. Everybody waiting for their rides just stared at me while I got into the Vette and drove off. Of course, I bought the car and now had to get it home. 525 miles later I pulled into our driveway and the car finally had a new home. Now I just have to drive it more often...

Don

