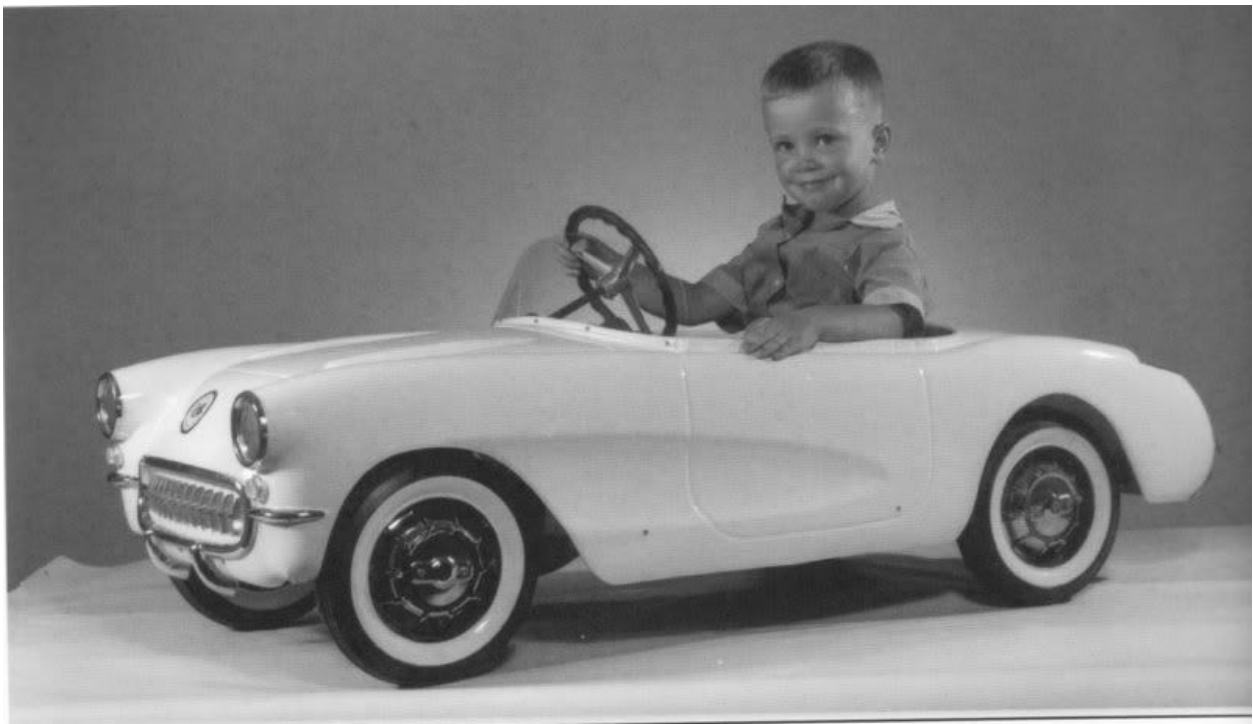




## Member Profile – Greg Brott

My Corvette passion started at an early age when my hard working parents got me a Corvette Pedal Car in 1958 for my 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday, which I loved and made many memories pedaling around the neighborhood, and sure wish I still had it today!



*Photo above is not of me however is reminiscent of the pedal car I was given and most importantly how I felt when riding in it!*

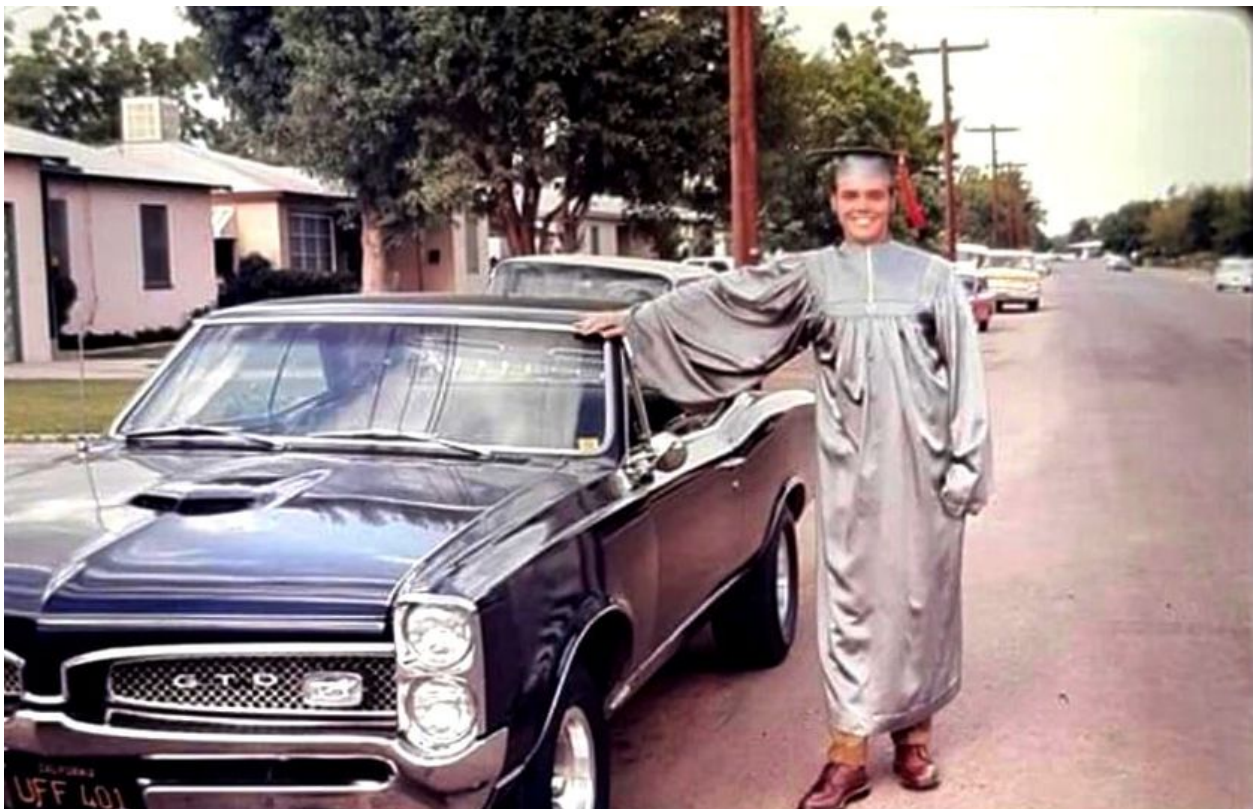
My next Corvette experience, which I vividly remember was when my best childhood friend, Dick Mason's Uncle took the both of us for a 100 MPH ride in his 1958 Red Corvette. Convertible. We both lived on Castaic Ave, which is just south of at that time the Kern County Airport. Norris Road ran east and west and was just across the railroad tracks from Castaic Ave. I remember accelerating going west from Airport drive and as we passed our homes we were doing 100 (or so we were told). This fun run resulted in

my mom and Dick's mom forbidding us from ever ride in this car again as his Uncle couldn't be trusted. It was so much fun that I remember it 60+ years later!



*Not the actual car however how I remember the 100 MPH ride as a kid!*

Fast forward through meeting my Beautiful Bride, Carol while cruising Chester Avenue in the summer of 1969 while in my 1967 GTO then Marriage in 1973, followed by two beautiful daughters and now seven handsome grandsons. Along the way we had many cars and trucks, which we enjoyed however always talked about getting a Corvette “one of these days”.



*Me in my cap and gown and my 1967 GTO on graduation day from North High*



Our first opportunity came in 2011 while we were living in the Bay Area when we were driving through the sales lot of Dublin Cadillac-Chevrolet looking for a replacement Escalade. We didn't see any Escalade's in the color we wanted so as we were leaving we drove by a silver C6 Z06 and Carol said "we've always wanted a Corvette let's take a look" and lo and behold we were excited owners the next day.



*Our 2009 Blade Silver Z06*

We then joined Northern California Corvette Association (NCCA) and enjoyed many runs, outings, car shows etc. with the most memorable being a Petaluma run where we had 157 Corvettes doing the run! Both Carol and I became Board Members and most importantly enjoyed the wonderful Corvette Camaraderie Corvette ownership brought.

Which brings me to our move to Bakersfield in 2014 to be closer to our family and most importantly our grandkids. Prior to our move I researched Corvettes of Bakersfield and remember my first call to Tom Jones, the then President of COB who encouraged us to attend a meeting at Three-Way Chevrolet. We enjoyed the club, the people and the activities and I became Event Directory on the Board. We've had many memorable runs, show etc., however the best was always our Gambler's Classic in Laughlin, NV.

We had our 2009 till 2016 when we were window-shopping at Merle Stone Chevrolet in Tulare and fell in love with a 2016 Torch Red 3LZ Z06 which we still have today and enjoy “stretching her legs” as often as possible.



*Our current 2016 Z06*

Is there a C8 Z06 in our future? Only time will tell. Until then we will continue enjoying this magnificent machine and that wonderful Camaraderie which owning a Corvette brings!

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