

Bill and Erika Lapham - 2013

Bill and Erika Lapham have been married 44 years. Bill was born in Rhinebeck NY and grew up there until 8th grade at which time he and his family moved to Fair Haven VT. Erika was born in Rye NY and grew up in White Plains NY. They have lived in Carmel for 4 years. Both Bill and Erika have been retired for 5 1/2 years; Bill from Silgan Containers and Erika from the West Noble Schools. Bill enjoys being retired because it gives him a chance to sleep in, he has the time to be involved with lots of CI activities and they can now live near their daughter and her family. Erika also definitely enjoys being retired because now she doesn't have to get up at the crack of dawn and she has the time to do the things that she wants to do. Bill's interests include Vettes, NASCAR and other racing and reading. Erika enjoys reading, cardmaking and other crafts and driving her Vette. Bill and Erika have members of CI for almost 3 years and they have never been members of any other Corvette Club. Bill first got interested in Corvettes watching them (who cared about the story??) on the TV show Route 66. Then in college he helped a friend work on a '62 and a guy in his dorm had a big block '67. They bought their first Vette in '71, a '68 coupe, after they sold their boat. Currently they own a '70 Dark Ruby Metallic 454 coupe, an '02 Electron Blue Metallic convertible and an '04 Spiral Gray Metallic convertible. The only other Vette that they have owned was a '68 Le Mans Blue coupe. What Bill likes best about CI is that there are so many activities available. There is always something to do. And if you can think of something new to do there are probably club members who will do it with you. Erika likes the fact that the club is so much fun, the people are so great and there are so many things to do. Bill and Erika both enjoy Drive and Dines, Bill enjoys watching Autocrossing, Erika enjoys the meetings and working Main Event. The Corvette story that Bill shared involved the trip that they took to Colorado in the '70 coupe in 1976. They got the best road mileage drafting a Momford truck on I80 @ 80 mph (3200 rpm.)