

This Stock Corvette is Quick Enough

It took 33 years for Roger Corkill to realize his dream of owning a Corvette, and while he didn't end up with the same one that sparked the dream, he is very pleased with the 1984 two-tone bronze example he purchased three years ago.

"The first one I ever drove was in '63, a split window coupe, and I've liked them ever since," he said.

He likes the 1984 model he purchased because he believes the styling endows the original Corvette look more than the new ones do. He also likes the way the front clip tilts forward to access the 350 V-8. While a large number of Corvettes feature leather interiors, Roger's has cloth, which he finds to be more comfortable.

The car is all stock, and Roger has no plans to change that.

"A guy always needs a little more power, it's a man thing," Roger said. But he added, "It'll get a ticket in every gear."

Last year he had an opportunity to try his skill at autocross racing, as the local Corvette club organized an event at the fair grounds in Sioux Falls. He said he found the car performs and handles every bit as good as it looks. Each lap he was able to shave another second or two off his time as the car continued to show more grab than he anticipated.

"This one does extremely well, the suspension is very tight, very flat cornering," he said.

But it's not all about racing. Roger and Diane also like to just cruise around town in their 'Vette and meet up with their friends in the Great Plains Streetrodders.

There's no doubt Roger and Diane are enjoying their Corvette, and he said he hopes to have it for many years to come.

