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Meet MVC Vice President Bill Clemens! The Niles native is a true car enthusiast and has one of the most unique C7 Corvettes in the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys. Bill was infected with car bug at a young age. Bill's Aunt and Uncle traveled to carnivals and a teenage Bill Clemens tagged along with them earning enough money to buy his first car, a 1966 Dodge Charger 383c.u. four speed! That's right, Bill was a MOPAR guy! He tells the story of driving around Trumbull County at age 15 in this road monster that even today will give other cars a run for their money on the street! When Bill took his driver's test Bill had become an extension of the Charger perfecting the four speed and clutch so well the State

Trooper looked at him and said, "Son, how long have you been driving without a license?" Of course Bill replied, "I've only had this car a couple days, sir." Bill successfully passed the test and continued his car passion with another MOPAR. This time 1969 Dodge Coronet 440cu. Then a 1974 Dodge Challenger with a 340cu. However Mopars can only fulfill a car guy's appetite for so long and then you go after America's first and favorite sports car, a Corvette. For Bill that was Maroon 1976 Corvette with a white leather interior.

When Bill parks his car at a local show he is asked "what kind of model is this"? The answer is just a regular C7 with a manual transmission! What makes Clemens' car so special is the painted stripe design and black and red trim ground effects. Bill purchased the car from Greenwood Chevrolet in Hubbard and it was delivered to his home in the winter time. It must have been torture to see this brand new car sitting in a garage as the snow falls outside! However that time to look over what was a brand new car not only to Bill but the world in 2015 gave him the chance to think about what he could do to really make the car stand out.

This isn't Bill first Corvette either. Bill at one time had a 1996 Corvette Grand Sport. That's a Corvette with some serious horsepower! It's no doubt that Bill is a car guy and he has owned more than Corvettes throughout the years. Some of the pavement in Niles may still show areas where he burned some rubber in his XXX

Bill joined MVC last year at the Supernats in Canfield. He saw the line of Corvettes parked proudly next to one another and decided to be a part of a growing club. Since that time Bill has become Vice President and really enjoys going to shows and being active in the club. He is so dedicated that he's even dubbed his car the Corvette SUV because he carries the club tent flags and more!

Bill enjoys heading to the shows in the summer and putting miles on his beautiful Corvette but is also very active outside the car too! Bill has a very extensive construction background and helped make our MVC Club float really become what it is today without falling over into several pieces!

His future plans for the car include.....