

## The Dog Days Of Summer Made Easy With Wine & Music

The Club's visit to the Linganore Wine Festival on August 10<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon during the dog days of summer in mid-August. Perfect weather, great rural Maryland scenery, swinging blues live music provided by the Nighthawks and the Kelly Bell Band, wine tasting and winery tours, festival food, and of course our antique car show on the hilltop among the spectators all made for a special day.

The back roads of Carroll County are really beautiful in August with all the lush greenery and still maturing crops in the farm fields. Glissans Mill Road to the winery from Route 75 is one of those famous Maryland winding, twisting, narrow two-lane rural roads that date from colonial times and that make driving an antique car an experience from the early days of motoring.

The Club's cars were all very nice, including several AACA Senior cars,

but Doug Robinson brought his 1965 Corvette Stingray, which he has owned since it was new. It's one of the "survivor cars" that we are always hearing about. In fact, Doug showed it at the 1990 Bloomington Gold where it won the trophy for the Survivor Class 'Vette with the longest documented original ownership – at that time 26 years.

Doug bought the Stingray while serving in the Air Force in Vietnam during 1964. The car was purchased through a program for US servicemen offered by GM's International Division. You could buy a car overseas at a good discount and either have it shipped to your location or pick it up in the US. Doug chose to pick it up at Meyers Chevrolet in St. Louis near the Corvette production plant.

It's interesting to look at the documents of the purchase and all the production/build records in the car's history book. There's even a form

letter from Semon Knudsen, the head of the Chevrolet Division at the time. The invoice totals \$3,898.05, including all destination charges for a 365HP/327CI carbureted Stingray; a great deal in those days. Even today, 44 years after the car was purchased, it is a survivor car – original paint, interior, and top; with three original tires, headlight lamps, and windshield wipers.

Participating in this car show were: Mary & Ed Allen, 1959 Buick; Susan & Larry Butcher, 1938 Lincoln Zephyr; Linde Vantine & Ron Fleming, 1957 Chevrolet; Bob & Karen Martin, 1965 Corvair; Terry & Dan Materazzi, 1956 Corvette; Bill O'Donnell, 1936 Ford; Bud Smith & Doris Phelps, 1967 Cadillac; Laurie & Doug Robinson, 1965 Corvette; Jo & Don Franklin with Ruth & Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser; Steve, Silvia & Al Sandler, 1966 Buick; Ted Schneider, 1983 Oldsmobile, Nancy & Jim Sheets, 1969 MG Midget; and Kay & Henry Ver Valen, 1967 Jaguar.



*Pictured at the Wine Festival clockwise from the top left: Doug Robinson's 1965 Corvette Stingray; Linde Vantine & Ron Fleming's 1957 Chevrolet, an AACA Senior car; Some of our cars on the hill; and the Nighthawks performing on stage.*