

**1969 L-88 – 6,429 Mile Roadster**  
**Owned by: Chip and Judy Miller**  
**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**

In 1969, John VonSprecken of Ludington, Michigan, decided he had to have the ultimate Corvette – an L-88. He located a new one in Toledo, Ohio, and purchased the white car on March 19, from Jack Lownsbury Chevrolet for \$6,500.

Soon after, John got married. The newlyweds trailered a boat behind the L-88 on their honeymoon. Once, while pulling the boat and trailer from the water,

John slipped the clutch excessively. Into the garage went the L-88, parked next to the boat on the trailer. There they all sat for about ten years. The L-88 had a mere 6,205 miles on it!

John didn't subscribe to Corvette magazines, but in 1980 he picked one up at the newsstand. Fortunately for Chip Miller, the magazine featured his 1953 Corvette. John called information, got Chip's phone number, and offered his car to Chip, thinking it would be the perfect mate for Chip's low mileage '53.

Chip purchased the car sight unseen. What a treat it was when he picked it up! For all practical purposes, the car was brand new (clutch excepted). Every bit of paperwork was there: window sticker, shipper, order form, protect-o-plate, registrations, insurance cards, work receipts, everything...period. Quite the find!

Under Chip's ownership the car has traveled only an additional 224 miles. Most of the miles were added in June of 1981, in Bloomington. Each night the team of Ken Heckert, Bill Landis, and Chip cruised the streets making appropriate deposits of rubber from the original Goodyear F70x15's. On Sunday of that weekend, the car was Bloomington Gold® Certified. Chip brought the car back to Bloomington for the Special Collection V in 1988. It is with great pride (and maybe a few more rubber deposits) that Chip returns the L-88 to Bloomington Gold just as Bloomington Gold returns to Bloomington.



**1969 L-88 – 2,531 Mile Coupe**  
**Owned by: Werner Meier**

**Farmington Hill, Michigan**

This Riverside Gold coupe was originally purchased by Raymond Butler from Les Stanford Chevrolet in Dearborn, Michigan. As a member of the Corvette Club of Michigan, he entered the car in various competitions, including autocross, slalom, and drag events. It was also displayed at the annual Concours d'Elegance sporting the Butler family crest on both sail panels. It was

through participation in these events during the summer of 1969 that the car accumulated the bulk of its current mileage.

Butler's efforts at autocross were anything but successful; brute torque multiplied by a 4.56:1 axle ratio was tough to apply to the pavement via the stock F-70 Speedway rubber. It was difficult for the car to know whether the front or rear end should exit turns first. The car was a bit more successful at the drag strip, turning a respectable 11.70 in the quarter mile with open headers and slicks (and another club member at the wheel!). Tire marks are still apparent on the front edges of the rear wheel openings where the slicks would make contact during hard runs.

The Corvette bug wore off after one brief season and the car was simply garaged for the next couple of years until offered for sale in 1972. Dave Davies, a 21-year-old Corvette enthusiast bought the car for the sum of

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