



## **“Big Tom’s” Corvette Cleveland 50 Year Membership Celebration**

On April 6, 2014 there were 93 of Big Tom Prusneks closest Buddies at Winking Lizard to celebrate Tom’s continuous 50 years of membership in Corvette Cleveland. His son Tommy even surprised Tom and brought the RP to the party.

Those who roasted, that is, brought up memories of Tom included Don, Mike, Ed S. and Warren. We were given the definition of “cheap versus thrifty”, we were even shown pictures of Tom’s garage and dilapidated pool. Tom took all the kidding quite well and had a great time. Tom has held many offices over the years, and truly is someone you can count on.



# GM Trophies

The Chevrolet Corvette Trophy program was instigated by Zora Arkus-Duntov. He intended for it to stimulate Corvette racing activities. Mr. Duntov was very involved with this program as he personally approved the design each year.

General Motors supplied one of these trophies to every Corvette Club that was registered with Chevrolet Motor Division (clubs were registered through Corvette News Magazine). The trophy was then awarded by that Corvette Club to an outstanding member. The Chevrolet Corvette Trophy program ran from 1959 to 1969.

Corvette trophies and the promos that were mounted on them can get very confusing. Since these trophies were distributed by Chevrolet at the end of the calendar year, many of them had the following year Corvette promo mounted on them. Therefore, the year of the trophy doesn't usually coincide with the year of the promo. Here's a list to help keep them straight.



- 1959 Trophy = 1959 Gold Plated Convertible
- 1960 Trophy = 1959 Gold Plated Convertible
- 1961 Trophy = 1961 Gold Plated Convertible
- 1962 Trophy = 1963 Silver/Red Coupe
- 1963 Trophy = 1964 Silver/Silver Convertible
- 1964 Trophy = 1965 Silver/Gray Coupe
- 1965 Trophy = 1966 Silver/Gray Convertible
- 1966 Trophy = 1967 Silver/Gray Convertible
- 1967 Trophy =
- 1968 Trophy = Silver Serving Tray (no promo)
- 1969 Trophy = Silver Serving Tray (no promo)



1964



1965



1966



1967



1968



1969

## GM TROPHY AWARD WINNERS

1959 - ?  
1960 - Bob Ruth  
1961 - Owen Blakslee  
1962 - Ron Gumm  
1963- George Bell  
1964 - Virg Tussey  
1965 - Al Etzel  
1966 - Virg Tussey  
1967 - Ginny Gunn  
1968 - Tom & Chris Prusnek  
1969 - Chuck & Betty Holmok

## OUTSTANDING MEMBERS (REPLACED G.M. TROPHY)

1970 - Jerry & Linda Lancaster  
1971 - Warren & Elaine Obert  
1972 - Wayne & Joanne Holmok  
1973 - 2000 - not given  
2001 - Dave Graham & Gene Szucs  
2002 - Warren Obert  
2003 - Megan Etzel  
2004 - Pat Mitchell  
2005 & 2006 - Tim Obert  
2007 - Jim Egan  
2008 - Tim Obert  
2009 - Jim Egan  
2010 & 2011 -Kathy Dybo  
2012 -Berry Pinney & Kathy Dybo  
2013 - Warren Obert  
2014 - Bob Niznick  
2015 - Eric Flanhofer  
2016 - Dan Tuck



July 10, 1982



May 5, 2007



May 6, 2017

## Members Who Have Been To The 25th 50th and 60th Celebrations

Roy Babiak

Joe & Dolores Bobo

George & Heather Daina

Mike & Pauline Danzey

Earl Daugharthy

Wayne Drotleff

Carol Etzel

Al & Nancy Gaudino

Tom & Barb Janiak

Ken Kavalchek

Fred Kubiak

Brock Landers

Dennis Litchenstine

Dave Masek

Don & Mary Ann Obert

Warren & Elaine Obert

Jan Pesta

Ernie & JoAnn Papp

Big Tom Prusnek

Chip & Karen Rabbitt

Bob & Nancy Ruth

Ed & Diane Stachowiak

Gene & Norma Stenger

Don & Ginny Veselenak

Jim & Sue Youngs