



MEET THE MEMBERS

by Chuck Claypool

Once again my GPS system proved it's worth by taking me right to the home of Woody & Janine Clagg. They live in a heavily wooded area on the East side of the Severn River. It is not an easy place to find. They built the house a year and a half ago and are already starting another on the lot next door. This was evident by the large trees being taken down as I pulled up. The plan is to sell the current very large house and move into the slightly smaller house next door when it's finished.

Woody builds houses. If he can find a lot, he acts as architect, general contractor and builder. Along with the activity next door, they have two lots in Severna Park, which can keep them busy into the foreseeable future. Janine is the interior decorator and also draws the floor plans.

The house that I visited has a great many rooms. All are chock-a-block with interesting things. Janine collects antiques to the extent that they fill every room and have caused her to become an antique dealer. She has a store at the Emporium, in Frederick, MD. Her interests run to old books, furniture needing rescue and decorator accessories such as clocks, lighting fixtures and figurines. However the overwhelming impression of their home that I came away with was books!! Books were everywhere in great numbers. Antique books, current books, technological books, novels and biographies fill bookcases in every room and hallway.

Woody was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He earned a BS in Pharmacy at Southwestern State College in Weatherford. It was there that he met Janine who was majoring in Medical Technology. They were married in Weatherford in 1964. Their daughter, Heidi, and two grandchildren live in Severna Park.

With their educational background you might assume that Woody would be filling prescriptions while Janine was doing hospital duty. You wouldn't even be close. Woody put in four years as a pharmacist, but he says that it is hard and boring work. He quit and became a drug enforcement investigator for the DEA. This lasted twenty-three years during which he had police powers, carried a gun, made arrests and ended up in Baltimore as Group Supervisor with fifteen investigators under him. He retired in 1994.

To dispose of assets confiscated in drug operations, the DEA had formed the Assets Forfeiture Division. After some years as a stay-at-home mom, Janine joined this division and worked for three years disposing of assets seized by Woody and his people. She retired from the Baltimore office in 1993.

When both of them retired they started traveling, and headed for the Caribbean in their forty-four foot sailboat. They liked the area so much that they sold the boat and made Mexico their home for eight months. They both love Mexico and want to go back.

In addition to her antique business, Janine and a partner have an interior decorating operation. In business three years, they specialize in one-day makeovers and house staging. They work with real estate agents to make homes easier to sell. She calls it detailing. She also plays piano and is learning the blues!

The Claggs enjoy the club trips very much. Woody especially liked the Nashville and Hershey trips. They have a metallic green 2000 C5 coupe, purchased just before heading to Nashville. His first car was a Model A Ford, which he bought for \$25 and later sold for \$30. His first Corvette, purchased new in 1968, had cooling problems. He sold it and didn't buy another until the 2000 coupe.

The Claggs, like most Corvette owners, are very impressive, interesting people, helping to make our club enjoyable for everyone.