



MEET THE MEMBERS

By Chuck Claypool

Carroll and Paulette Hynson live in a neighborhood of beautiful homes called Severn View Estates. It is a water-privileged community with frontage on the Severn River. Carroll met me at the door and ushered me into the spacious living area where I met Paulette who introduced me to Satin, the family cat. They have been married seventeen years and have lived in their current location since moving from Pasadena in 1994.

They are both more or less local people. Carroll was raised in Annapolis and Paulette comes from Baltimore. She attended the Baltimore public school system and declares that she is a "home grown product". She turned out to be a pretty good "product" considering that she retired in August after thirty-four years as Assistant Director of Human Resources at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She still does consulting work two days a week and has recently started a new career in real estate.

After Annapolis public schools Carroll received his college education at Penn State and Morgan State and has Bachelor of Arts degrees in Sociology and Psychology. He now is operating two different businesses. He is a real estate developer interested in buying and managing as well as developing property. His second business is a public relations and marketing company called Image Power. Our club press releases have the advantage of his experience in this field.

Carroll's interests are many and varied. He loves rhythm and blues music and was a disc jockey in radio for sixteen years until 1976. He still is featured on a Washington station once a week. He is a member of the Annapolitan Club, the Meritocrats Social Club, the Seafarers Yacht Club and is a board member of the Community Foundation of the Chesapeake. When I asked Carroll about hobbies he took me down stairs to their entertainment center. In addition to the well stocked bar, large TV and lounge equipment, he has built an "N" gauge model train layout. It is on a board that is about 4ft. x 12ft. and is complete with houses, landscaping, tunnels, bridges, people and even a working open pit gravel mine. A lot can be built in that space because the "N" gauge is so small. The railroad cars are about three inches long and the people less than 1/2 inch in height. Boats are also one of his interests. He showed me two large (3 ft+) radio controlled models. One was a sailboat and one a powerboat with a week whacker engine which goes about 30 mph!! Then there is the full size boat. It is a 35 ft. Formula with all the comforts of home. I called it a muscle boat because it will do about 35 mph. Carroll says it's not really a muscle boat like a Cigarette but he likes anything that's "high performance".

The Hynsons are regular NASCAR attendees and, like most of our members, love all types of automobiles. They have five. These include a 1994 Mercedes (Paulette's daily drive), a 1999 XJ8 Jaguar sedan, a 2004 Cadillac SRX SUV with license "LOVE 4X4", a 1994 Cavalier station wagon (Carroll's daily drive) and then there is the one which shows how much he likes "high performance". It is his 1999 black Corvette convertible. This car has a 427 engine with twin turbochargers. He is not happy with the mere 720 HP output of this arrangement so the car is about to be sent to East Coast Corvette. There it will spend two weeks having a set of positive displacement superchargers installed. This should bring the output up to a much more satisfactory 800 HP!! I asked Carroll if this kind of output didn't give a problem with rear wheels spinning. He said that traction was definitely a problem but that he has ordered a new set of wheels and tires. The license plate of the Corvette reads, "HUSHNOW". This is to indicate that the car is a "sleeper"- very quiet but a big surprise.

It was fun meeting this very interesting couple. They are another example of the quality people we have in our club.