

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - 1984

DALE and CAROLYN SAMUELSON



The year of 1984 proved to be an exciting and busy one for National Champions Dale and Carolyn Samuelson. They entered almost one hundred events each and traveled from as far north as Brainerd, Minnesota, to as far south as Orlando, Florida. The final standings showing Carolyn with 1026 points, a new all time high for any NCCC member!

Between weekends spent traveling, racing, rallying, and concouring, Dale spends his spare time employed as an Air Traffic Controller and part time professional pilot. Carolyn is a secretary, mother, and housewife. The Samuelsons have two future Corvettes; David, 13, and Kristi, 8, who are

already well indoctrinated into the rigors of weekend competition, having traveled to almost every event with Mom and Dad. The Samuelsons live near Rockford, Illinois, and are proud and active members of Northern Illinois Corvette Club. Their beige Corvette was purchased new in 1978 and has become a common sight at most Midwest Regional events.

When asked about special moments in 1984, Carolyn replied: "FTD's at places like Brainerd and Road Atlanta will always be remembered and receiving First Ranks in Concourse Prepared in a car that is driven and raced regularly were particularly gratifying." Dale remembered the long drives: "One

weekend I left Rockford Friday morning, picked up Carolyn in Atlanta Friday evening, and then drove the rest of the night to make a double speed event in Orlando on Saturday. We then drove all night Saturday to race a double speed event in Huntsville, Alabama, on Sunday. After all this, it was a long drive home for work on Monday morning."

Both Dale and Carolyn agree all this would not have been possible without the help and support of our club. "After competing Nationally for two years, it's great to know people we can call friends in almost every state and region. That's what NCCC is all about for us."