

# 1989 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

## DALE and CAROLYN SAMUELSON

by Nancy Bailey

1989 was another busy year for NCCC National Champions Dale and Carolyn Samuelson. That's not unusual for a couple who have been active in local club, regional, and national events ever since they purchased their first Corvette in 1978 and joined NCCC.

The Samuelsons belong to the Northern Illinois Corvette Club and have always been active members. They have held almost every club office, and Carolyn is the current president of the NICC while Dale is NCCC Governor. Dale and Carolyn have finished in the top ten regional point standings every year since 1983 and have placed in the top ten national point standings at least four times, including being National Champions in 1984.

1989 began with the Samuelsons attending Midwest Regional events most every weekend. These included primarily speed events, but also an occasional concours and rally. Returning from the NCCC governors' meeting in early November, Dale and Carolyn found themselves in the top three places in the point standings and decided to do some serious traveling. In the next five weeks they entered forty events including high and low



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speed autocrosses, matching time trials, and rallies. Weather included

short sleeve temperatures one weekend to ice and snow the next. Their travels included events in Indiana, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Oklahoma. A highlight of 1989 was the NCCC convention in New Orleans. After a week of competition, parties, and NCCC camaraderie, Carolyn came home with the prestigious BF Goodrich Quadrachallenge award.

Carolyn and Dale live in Rockford, Illinois and are the parents of two and two. That's two children and two Corvettes. David is 18, finishing his senior year of high school, and off to the University of Illinois this fall. Kristi is 13, in the 7th grade, and active in many extracurricular activities. The Corvettes include "R TOY 1," a 1978 beige coupe purchased new and a 1971 roadster they recently picked up as a project car. Carolyn is employed as a secretary at a medical clinic and Dale is an air traffic controller.

Dale and Carolyn would like to thank the members of the Northern Illinois Corvette Club for their help and support during the last year, and all of the members of NCCC who provided such warm hospitality and good times. "It's not the cars or events that make NCCC such a great organization, it's the people."



Dale at speed in the 1978 Corvette.



Carolyn missing the pylon for an FTD.

