



# Blue Bars

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## MEET JACOB, A YOUNG UP-AND-COMING CAR GUY

Jack and Janet Wilson are long-time, very active NCCC members who have passed their love of everything that has to do with cars and their allegiance to NCCC onto their grandson Jacob. They started by sponsoring him as FCOA member #2087 in December 2002. Turning 16 in December of 2014, Jacob is looking forward to getting his driver's license in 2015. By the time you read this, Jake has "graduated" from FCOA and became a Youth Member of Northern Illinois Corvette Club (NICC).

Jacob has traveled with his grandparents to a number of autocrosses in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio & Missouri. He met a lot of their friends who always treated him as part of the Corvette family. He is looking forward to going to his first NCCC Convention in 2016 and rekindling those friendships.

His grandparents have been avid car enthusiasts for over 50 years starting with drag racing, motorcycles, street rods and then Corvettes in 1988. They began their journey by building and racing Corvettes in 1992 after joining NICC and NCCC in 1991. Janet is a member of Northern Illinois Corvette Club and Jack is currently a member of Badger State Vettes.

Needless to say being the Wilsons' grandson, Jacob didn't have a chance not to be involved with cars! Starting at a young age, Jack and Jacob have been working together in the shop. Jacob really liked wheels and tires so he started with the air wrench removing and installing lug nuts.



*As Jacob progressed to more mechanical jobs he started dismantling components.*



*He helped grandpa build their first valve cover racer called "Jacob" for the Palm Beach, Florida Convention. It is still on display in grandpa's shop.*



*As he got older Jake went on to bigger items like this entire 1994 Corvette.*

Jacob has become interested in fabrication which he has done for his grandpa's Vette and other items. He is also learning how to rebuild an engine from his grandpa. He has begun high school and is a bowler on the Junior Varsity team. Jake is also being considered for his high school's engine building competition team in 2015/2016.

Jack & Janet are very proud grandparents and believe everyone should keep their children and grandchildren interested in things you can do as a family, especially with your "Corvette Family."

*Submitted by Pat Kelly, FCOA Director, using information and pictures from Jack & Janet Wilson*



*Jake has spent a lot of time restoring his mom & dad's 1997 Dodge 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup.*