

Life Members – Perl and Shirley Benner

The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire “adopted” Perl and his wife, Shirley, in the 1970’s when Granite State Corvettes, the club that they had belonged to dissolved. It should be noted that before being in Granite State Corvettes they were members of the Pony Pilots Mustang club. In that club Perl raced a 1969 Mustang and Shirley filled support roles. Drew Young recalls her excellent instruction for corner working at an event at Bryer Motorsport park. Acquiring their membership was a great benefit to SCCNH. For many years Perl was the “go to” for maintaining the old military wired radios that were used for communications for the Mount Ascutney hillclimbs. For as long as she was able Shirley could be counted on to work on the hill.

There was more to their contributions than just the hills though, Perl and Shirley regularly attended club meetings and were often the voice of experienced reason in helping to guide the club. In 1983 Perl and Shirley were awarded the Robert Heath Award for their outstanding membership in the spirit of Bob Heath.

Despite being Life Members as part of the arrangement with the club that they had belonged to before joining SCCNH, their contributions to our club more than earned them the honor. Both Perl and Shirley continued to support the club until they were physically unable.