



Steven Porter with son, Brandon and their restored Corvette

restoration versus a full-frame-off due to limitations of space and equipment." Steve said. Over the next several months, Steve and Brandon removed all the parts; cleaning and sandblasting, painting, replacing and rebuilding them with help from Brandon's brother-in-law Malcolm.

When the times got tough for finding parts, Steve would always turn to Bennett Motors or check online at EBay. Steve describes the lucky windfall when a pick-up truck full of 1979 L82 Corvette parts rolled up to their door. It included what they had been searching for, the performance suspension, complete with air conditioning, heavy-duty radiators, and steering and trim pieces.

After reassembly, Steve spent three weeks hand sanding and preparing the car for the 2002 Corvette "Torch Red" pain job done by family friend and body shop owner John of George's Auto body in Scarborough. As a final touch new leather seats and interior were installed.

In its finished state the car is appraised at \$16,600. Steve and Brandon could not have done this alone and have a huge list of all the people who helped them find parts. Brandon added his own artistic flourish with an airbrush mural under the hood depicting "Bruce" the great white shark from Disney's Finding Nemo. "The reference there is because the Corvette is a 1979 Shark and Brandon has great artistic abilities. This was his first airbrush mural on a car and it came out very well. I think he's very excited about that." Steve said.

Nothing can take away time well spent between father and son. For Steve and Brandon, their time together produced a red hot Corvette, a project almost two years in the making. The only problem now is which one will get to sit in the driver's seat when they spend their weekends driving down the back roads of Campbellville.

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