

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - RON & RUTHIE SHERMAN



Ron and Ruthie Sherman live in West Bloomfield, MI during the winter and on *A Paige of Summer Plus 2* in Detroit, MI during the summer. *A Paige of Summer Plus 2* is a 1979 45' Commander that they acquired in March, 2004.

Ruthie grew up on the water from the time she was born. Her parents always had a Chris Craft that the family of 10 lived aboard during the summer. Ruthie's bunk as a baby was the anchor locker of a 1939 Chris Craft Sedan. Ruthie learned boat handling from a very young age and watched her mother in later years as she handled the boat herself after her father passed away. Along the way, Ruthie even obtained her Captain's license.

Ruthie never tired of boating, and after her two daughters were grown and out of the house, she acquired a 1967 42' Commander and named it after her two daughters, Paige and Summer. Within a year after acquiring the 42, Ruthie met Ron. Ron was not a passionate boater like Ruthie, but he faked it at first in order to win the lady. The fact that he was trained as a mechanic in his younger days was definitely a key attribute in winning over Ruthie's heart. (Nothing like earning your keep!)

Ron's love of boating and the water quickly grew and it didn't take long before Ron and Ruthie were married. They continued to enjoy the 42, but while docked at a local metro park a gentleman approached Ruthie and insisted on buying *A Paige of Summer*. While Ron and Ruthie both loved the 42, they parted with her and began a search for another boat.



After looking at many Commanders, they settled on a 1979 45' Commander that was a sistership to one owned by their very good friend. Knowing they had someone to lean on for help, they acquired the boat and christened it A Paige of Summer Plus 2; the "Plus 2" representing Ron's two sons.

A Paige of Summer Plus 2 has undergone many interior and exterior improvements under Ron and Ruthie's ownership. The latest improvements include a new awlgrip paint job from the rub rails up to the bridge and a new bottom job this past spring. She is looking gorgeous and sits proudly next to her sister ship R Time III. You will be able to see both boats at the Detroit rendezvous in August.



Ruthie has Ron hooked on the boating thing, and they've recently added another classic Chris Craft to their fleet - a 20' 1968 Corsair. The Corsair hadn't been used in 13 years before the sea trial that secured the deal, but she ran nicely and Ron and Ruthie brought her home. Ron is in the process of taking care of a few engine issues that result from 13 years of neglect, but once together it'll be a great accompaniment to A Paige of Summer Plus 2.

Ron and Ruthie attended the 2010 CCCC Rendezvous in Huron, OH and will be co-hosting this year's rendezvous at their home marina in Detroit, MI. Stop by and check out their beautiful Commander.

/ Mike Schrage, CCCC Treasurer
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