

While John and Bill can't remember the exact context and motivation of the "Naming of Calypso"; here is the story behind it. And I will add that it was the latter part of the evening, so perhaps the wine has a relationship to the remembrance. Never-the-less, John has full credit for naming Calypso; and should he fight through the fog of the years and remember more of his "side" of the story. It will be put here in context.

My East Coast family had gathered at my Sister's house to see the car that would become "Calypso". Someone in the group asked me for the name of the car, and I admitted that I did not have one. And that went off on the tangent that I had only named one car in my life; and that had been my first Corvette. She had picked up the name "Black Rose", named after the unique limited-edition paint job she had. But the question had been asked and several people in the room started discuss that this Corvette should be named.

The two tangents continued for a bit, some discussing suggestions for the name, and others the rationale behind naming a "car". I was walking around the room taking in the different viewpoints and suggestions. I walked over to the dining room table and reached past John and Bill for some of the chips and dip. As I did so, John said, "What about Calypso".

That was a EUREKA moment.

As it turns out the only real context that John has offered as the inspiration, was my trip across the country, and the adventure of doing it in a strongly desired car. He says the lyrics to the John Denver song <u>Calypso</u> was the primary motivation, as he felt they described the experience I was living. I have placed a link (the underlined Calypso in the above line) to that song, so that you can open it in another window and let it play, while you read my understanding of the suggestion. It is slightly different from what John was thinking. HIS THOUGHT FITS!!!

At the time when he offered that suggestion the thought that came into my mind was that of the Greek mythological story of the nymph who had captured Odysseus. My Navy time in the Med had changed that story to my understanding which was, "Calypso was a Greek Goddess who lived on the Island of Crete or someplace like that and lured Sailor's to their death." It was actually the mythical island of Ogygia, and while Calypso had indeed fallen in love with Odysseus and had decided to keep him as her immortal husband, he had escaped; so the sailor didn't die. BUT that was not my thinking.



My thinking was; this is a perfect name for the car of my dreams. It tied so many different aspects of the path that had led to her ownership together, and she was in all likelihood going to be my last car. So here was the embodiment of mythological "love" and "immortality". As the years of ownership have gone on, the entire concept of my interpretation of the Greek Myth fall more and more into line with the name Calypso.

THANKS JOHN, you are a true brother!! I'm glad we adopted you and Bill.