

Members Profile
The Ferencich Family
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The Ferencich family has been members of the Cruisers for 5 years.

Mike was born in Oklahoma City in St Anthony Hospital and for the most part grew up in the City area. He like most of us in that time period moved around a lot while our parents searched for work. He attended, but not in this order, Carrie Elementary, Pierce Elementary, Rockwell Elementary, Jackson Junior High, Classen Junior High, a year in a Junior High in San Antonio Texas, Moore Junior High, Moore High School, Riverside High School in California and graduation from High School from Pacific High School in San Bernardino Ca. He attended and graduated from Central State University with a BBA in Business Administration and Marketing. He attended graduate school at the University of Oklahoma and studied Public Administration. Mike started his career by working at one of the original Pizza Hut restaurants located in Moore Oklahoma as a Pizza maker. He also worked at a Dairy Queen, a Sages Market as the Restaurant Manager, worked for Agri-Tech Steel in Ohio making Barbed Wire. He then entered the U.S. Army and after serving in Thailand returned to the Oklahoma City area and started work for G.E. Computer Corporation, early in the computer development area. Honeywell bought out the company and Mike went to work at Tinker AFB. He also worked for the OU Medical Center as a Biomedical Electronics Engineer. One of his prime duties was to be present in the operating room during any open-heart surgery, in case of any equipment malfunction. After this job he returned to Tinker and then to the FAA and retired there as a Manager of FAA Aircraft Fleet Maintenance. He also served his country by spending time in Air National Guard Reserves and in the Air Force Reserves in the 507th working on the F-105 Thunder Chief fighter. He currently is serving as a Blanchard City Councilman, a position he has held for almost 6 years. His hobbies are Golf and cars. Mike's first car was a 1953 Pontiac straight 8 that he bought for \$300.00. A thrown rod and it was replaced with a 1958 Rambler 4 door, 6 cylinder with only 18,000 miles. It was perfect when he bought it for \$450.00 from a car lot. Little did he know that it had previously belonged to a professional wrestler who saw it sitting in the road out front of a friend that Mike was visiting? A knock came at the friend's door and there stood the Hulk yelling, "That Rambler was my car". Calming down, the wrestler explained that he was sorry that he traded it in and didn't really want to make trouble. Mike finally got his heart rate down below 200 and realized that he was going to live. The car was sold for \$25.00 and into the Army he went. While serving in the Army, he and a friend went in together and bought a BMW Isetta and a 53 Ford. Mike returned to Oklahoma after the service and bought a 1965 Mustang, yellow, 289 4 speed. Then came the 69 390 AMX. This was a really fast car. Dark blue 4 speed with the total package. This car from the factory would run consistently 13-second quarter miles and did so often out at Sand Valley Raceway. The AMX proved to be a very equal race for anyone driving a 1969 Camaro Z-28 with the 302. Then came the 1969 Olds 442. Later came the foreign cars like a 1962 MGA Mark II, a 1969 Porsche 912 British Racing Green and a number of Austin Healey's. These included a 1965 BJ8, a 1960 3000, a 1959 3000, and a 1961 3000. These cars were beautiful, fast and worked on

almost daily. Mike restored a 1968 Big Block Camaro convertible Black on Black, the 4:11 rear end drove him crazy. He currently has a 1973 blue with white top Mustang Convertible with a 4 speed and the 351C. Current projects include the frame off restoration of a 1966 Pontiac GTO. The body is back on the frame and reassembly is in process. The next project is the 1969 Mustang Fastback. He currently drives a 2003 Jaguar S-type "R" code super charged 4.3 V-8. His dream car would be the 65 or 66 Jag XKE. Sprinkled in with the car history were numerous Motorcycles including 3 Triumph Bonneville 650's, a 750 Honda, a Cushman Eagle and a 125 cc Parilla.

Toni was born in Greenville Miss. and moved to Midwest City, Oklahoma, at the age of two. She attended Country Estates Elementary, Monroney Junior High, was a Midwest City Bomber before moving to Wanette, Oklahoma for half of her junior year where she graduated. She attended Draughton's Business School for a year studying General Business. Her first job was working for the OKC Fairgrounds. Her second job was working for a CPA for approximately one year. Then she went on to the USDA APHIS department in the Federal building downtown. She is currently employed at the Federal Aviation Agency as a Property Disposal Specialist. Her first car was a 1960 Volkswagen bug, which only ran once. Next came the 1975 Pontiac Grand Prix, a beautiful silver beast with a ride like a cloud. They don't make them like that anymore. Her favorite is her current ride.... the red 70 SS 396 4speed Chevelle that she bought with only 22,000 original miles back in 1997. Another favorite was the 1989 Pontiac TTA Indy Pace car. A bullet with the same turbo powered V-6 that came in the Grand National only slightly modified for pace car performance. Toni also has a thing for Horses. Real Horses. You will always find one or two in the pasture, getting attention, being ridden or just being pampered.

Eric was born in Oklahoma City at Deaconess Hospital. He grew up in the Bridgecreek area and attended school there through the 5th grade. He then attended Blanchard Schools and graduated there. He attended Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC) for a year and transferred to the University of Central Oklahoma and graduated with a degree in International Business with a minor in Spanish. He has since worked at odd jobs including laying Tile, and at the Classic Chevrolet Parts place on I-35. His first car was going to be a 1968 El-Camino SS. Located and purchased restoration was started. Restoration was interrupted by the 99 Tornado, which blew it away. His next first car was the Red and White 55 Chevrolet that he drove for several years. He did a restoration on this car with upgrades all throughout. The engine was a 350, and it had a 350 tranny. Disc brakes, upgraded interior and beautiful red and White paint job was added. Many hours were spent polishing the stainless trim. The car was sold last year to make room for the next Shoebox project, a '55 2-door. Currently the body is off and the frame being upgraded. Plans include installation of a 427 small block, a TCI six-speed with upgraded suspension. The car will be lowered about 3 inches and will be flat black. He would trade it all for his dream car a 1997 McClaren F1. The funding for this car will come from the proceeds of owning and operating his own company one day! A look around in the shop will reveal a motorcycle or two that he is restoring or working on for fun.

Matt was born in the Oklahoma City area at Deaconess. He attended Bridgecreek schools through the 2nd grade and transferred to Blanchard where he attended and graduated. He currently is attending OCCC and working as a Welder for a pressure vessel manufacturing company. His first car was a 1984 Chevrolet short-wide pickup that he purchased from his grandfather. He has put a lot of work into the truck including installing a 355 cubic inch small-block with Vortec heads, a turbo 350 that has been upgraded, a 12 bolt 3:73-posi rear-end with Mosier axles and a 100 horse-power shot of nitrous. The Truck received limited bodywork and was painted a Blue Cobalt with Silver SS stripes on the hood. This truck's hood was the subject of a Cruiser workday in which Henry taught us how to rub out a paint job. Matt has since rubbed out the remainder of the truck. His dream car, besides his Mother's 70 Chevelle, is a 1971 Plymouth Barracuda Hemi in Lime Green. This car will be funded by proceeds from owning and operating his own business. He also works on motorcycles and boats and he can get anything running.