

Members Profile
Harold and Mona Everett
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Harold and Mona have been members of the Tri-City Cruisers for 3 years. Harold was born in Oklahoma City and attended Linwood Elementary, Taft Junior High and Northwest Classen High School. He was a "silky" although he denies wearing silk underwear that was the basis of their nickname. He graduated in 1970. During Junior High School, he was a member of the chess club, always carrying a plastic chess set and looking for a challenge. He and his brother worked to earn money by throwing paper routes. His was NW 14th and 15th between Villa and Penn. He had all three papers at the time; the Times, the Daily and the Sunday. While throwing his paper route his brother spotted a car that Harold bought. A 1958, 2 door Plymouth Savoy with a 318 c.i. motor and a push button automatic tranny. The car belonged to a Postman and he paid \$212.50 for it. He also found a pair of leather gloves in it that he still uses today. The car led to his next working adventure as a drug delivery person. He delivered prescriptions for a pharmacy located at NW 23rd and Shartel. Deliveries were made mostly in the Northwest part of town. He did this during his senior year. The 58 got crunched when he got hit in the rear and hit the car in front of him. The car was totaled. He quickly replaced it with a 1966 Plymouth Fury III. This car was also powered with a 318c.i. motor and a automatic tranny but it had air conditioning. He put a 100,000 miles on it before lending/trading it to his brother for a Triumph TR-250. His brother needed a nicer car to impress his future wife while they were dating. Harold, being a good brother, traded for the 250 for a semester. Better gas mileage and the fun of driving an underpowered sports car hooked him on sports cars. Thus began his strange love affair with English cars, but more on this later. After High School graduation he went off to Stillwater and attended Oklahoma State University for 2 and one half years, majoring in Business. He later transferred to Central State University in Edmond and completed his degree in Business Administration.

Mona was born in Poteau Oklahoma and moved to Oklahoma City when she was a tiny tike of 6 months. They moved to the area of SW 23rd and Portland. She attended Pierce Elementary, Taft Junior High and attended High School at a Private school, Wesleyan Christian School. This school was an Accelerated Christian Education school. Her first car was a 1967 Nova, wide tires, set up in the back with mags. The burnt Orange paint job made it easy to find in parking lots. The car was found by one of her six brothers (she also has one sister) and she paid just \$600.00 for the Nova. Not bad for a 16 year old. Until recently it was her favorite car. The Infiniti she drives now has replaced the Nova in this category. She started working at the Hagar Slacks plant on SW Portland to pay for the car. This job was the worst job on the planet and her Dad decided to pay off the car for her if she would quit the job. Please don't throw me in that briar patch. She did have a series of odd jobs including working at the Blind Thrift Store. She got married at the age of 18 and had her first child a year later at 19. She had a second child at 24, got divorced, completed her GED and enrolled and attended USAO in Chickasha for 3 years. She also drove a 1982 Chrysler Lebaron Convertible, not a bad ride! She got a job at the FAA as Administrative Staff. She got promoted to a Legal Instruments Examiner

in the Airmen Certification Branch. She worked around Harold for a number of years before they started dating. They married in 2004.

Harold began his career with the FAA in June of 1973. He started as a GS-03 file clerk and slowly worked his way up the chain. His first half year W-2 indicated a wage of a whopping \$3,500.00. He thought he was rich and in Hog Heaven. The FAA Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City is the repository of all civilian Aircraft Registration and Airmen Certification records for the entire nation. The FAA issues 23 different types of Airmen Certificates applying to general and commercial aviation. Harold became a Legal Instruments Examiner for these certifications. He completed his degree at Central State during this period. His favorite job was working with the DEA and FBI types to establish a better method/system to coordinate Drug Interdiction efforts between various government agencies. Congress had provided \$34 million dollars and Harold had to figure out how to best spend it, a great job. However, in 1992 he was asked by the Director to go back to his old office and become the Branch Chief to clean up the mess and get it going back in the right direction. Yes Sir. He remained there until he retired last year.

Back to the cars; after the TR-250, which is a TR-4 with a 6-cylinder engine, he had a TR-6, a Spitfire and a GT-6. A 1974 Pontiac Grand Prix also came his way. During his last college days he took some elective courses in auto related stuff including small engine repair, which led to a side business of lawnmower repair. He also rebuilt a small block Chevrolet engine or two, a small block Ford and a six-cylinder Ford for fun. In college, he took a couple of computer classes; FORTRAN and COBAL, early languages in the computer development days. Always interested in this stuff, he taught himself the Website stuff. Wow! In July 1989 he went to Bob Moore Mazda and ordered one of the first Miatas, which was delivered in October 1989. A lady mailed out letters to all Miata owners in the Oklahoma City area concerning a club and the Central Oklahoma Miata Club was Born. Harold is a Charter member. He sold his first Miata in 2005 to buy the third generation 2006 model he drives now. This car has 170 Horsepower with a six speed. Harold and Mona currently own a 1941 GMC Pickup that they purchased from an OSU classmate who lives in Wisconsin. They went to Eagle River Wisconsin during April 2008 and enjoyed the late winter in the North and trailered the truck home. This vehicle brought them to our Club. Our gain! Recently Mona located the 1951 Plymouth Concord Business Coupe that they have been driving to cruiser events. This car was located on e-bay and came from a home in Southwest OKC. Good job. Wow, thanks to Harold and Mona the Club has a Website that is second to none. Thanks for all you do.