

Members Profile
Jerry and Pat Lowe
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Jerry Lowe was born in Duncan Oklahoma to parents who lived on a farm in Marlow. He has one older sister. Jerry grew up there went thru the School system K thru 12 and graduated as an outlaw, a Marlow Outlaw. He played football one season, participated in the Future Farmers of America raising and showing Pigs and Cattle and also was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America where he served as president of that club. He started working at a small local grocery store for around 50 cents per hour at the age of 14. He had started driving in the fields around the hay harvest when he was 12.

Pat Lowe was born in Ardmore Oklahoma to parents that lived in the tiny community of Sasakawa and was one of 5 kids. The family moved often as her father was in the oil field business. After living in Pauls Valley for a while they moved to the Grey Horse reservation, near Fairfax Oklahoma. She started school there in a 3-roomed schoolhouse. They moved to Velma Alma and then to Marlow but she attended Central High, which was a rural school outside of Marlow and then on to regular Marlow High school when they moved into town. She also graduated as a Marlow Outlaw. During High School she was in the band playing the Clarinet and the Bass Clarinet. She belonged to the Future Homemakers of America and was Band Queen.

While they both attended Marlow High School she met Jerry one rainy afternoon when he and his girlfriend stopped and offered her a very short ride home. They lived a ½ block from each other at the time. They had met earlier during the 7th grade being introduced by a mutual friend. Oh by the way after the ride home they began dating. She says that Jerry was a good driver even back then. Unfortunately the local Police didn't agree, seems that they knew his name very well. So did the Highway Patrol officer that Jerry ran off the road while passing on a curve.

After graduation, Jerry went away to OSU and majored in Accounting. A business teacher from High School encouraged him to pursue that occupation. That teacher had paid attention and knew that Jerry had a skill that even he didn't recognize. Thank goodness for caring teachers. Pat went to Beauty School in Duncan after graduation. They got married in Marlow during Jerry's sophomore year and lived in Stillwater. Jerry went to school, worked at a grocery store, a service station and managed the trailer park where they lived. Pat worked at a beauty shop. They soon had their first son, Kevin.

Jerry graduated and went to work for OG&E as an accountant. He moved for the company from the city, to Ardmore, to El Reno and back to the city. In 1972 they bought a home in Moore where they lived for 20 years. Pat was able to stay home and take care of their kid. A second son (Jay) came along some 7 years after the first. Pat got out of the house and went to work in a craft shop in Moore after the kids went to school. She enjoyed the work and stayed there for 7 seven years. While they lived in Moore they went in partners with a local gentleman from Moore and ran cattle on the 180-acre parcel near Telephone Road and S. 19th street in South Moore. Their son had an interest in

Veterinary Medicine and helped them in this project. A lot of work. They did it all, dehorn, breed, vaccinate, feed, water and you name it. Stocker cows take a lot of work. Vacations were limited. They did this for 9 years. The move from Moore was a good one. Jerry bought a lot just off of Rockwell in Newcastle to build Pat her dream home. She had always wanted to live on a hill so she could see a long ways. This lot fit the bill. To the south you can see Norman and the Football stadium and to the North you can see the skyline of OKC. After negotiations with the owner of the lot who didn't really seem interested in selling, Jerry successfully made the deal. The home they built is beautiful.

Jerry's first car was a 1947 International wagon. He was 13 and the vehicle with its one seat and Milk Boxes for the rest served him and his friends well taking them everywhere they wanted to go. He paid \$50.00 for the wagon. He finally wore it out. Next came a 1951 Ford Business Coupe with a flat head V-8, 3 speed, which he could change in 30 minutes due to lots of experience, Offy heads, 3 duces, Pontiac Grille, and Lake Pipes. Oh yea, 3 bar flipper hubcaps off an Olds covered the wheels. His next car was the 55 Chevrolet 2 door hardtop, red and white outside, roll and pleat interior, 327, louvers cut in the hood. The car was lowered the way they used to do it. V&H Muffler shop heated the front coils with a torch until they collapsed just enough. He got the 55 when he was 16. During his first year in Stillwater the car was in a flood, with the water line up to the arm rests. He hosed it out, drained and changed all the fluids except for the rear end and kept driving. Later when the car quit moving one day he determined that the rear end did get some stuff in it from the flood and wore the Ring and Pinion so bad that gears stopped making contact. Of course the stopping event happened while Pat was at the wheel, and Jerry's Mother was in the car. They sold the 55 and bought a series of cars including a 63 Chevrolet 2 door, a 66 Chevrolet, a 70 Thunder-bird which caught on fire while Pat was driving it and their son quickly disconnected the Battery, 77 LTD, a 72 Pinto, a 67 Bug, a 63 Chevrolet Pickup, a 69, 72 and 73 GMC pickups, a 79 Firebird, a 85 Olds Delta 88, and a 57 Nomad. Yea, a 57 Nomad!

Pat's first car was a 52 Olds 303, 4 speed hydro, 4-door without a heater that was in really really really bad shape. When it gave out she bought a Green 1951 Chevrolet, which had a 216cu in Babbitt rod blue flame special engine, with split exhaust. After she and Jerry married they sold it and managed with one car for a while. She had learned to drive in a 52 Chevrolet.

Currently they have a beautiful Red 1969 Chevrolet short wide pickup truck. It has a 350 GM Crate Motor with throttle body FI, 350 turbo tranny with a 3:73 rear end ratio, MSD ignition, Disc brakes, and drop spindles. They bought the truck about half done and finished it up. The sound system was engineered and installed by son Kevin and is awesome. Current project is a 1968 Corvette, silver in color with pieces scattered all over his shop. The Vette has the potential to be a nice one. Pat is currently driving the White 70 Thunder-Bird that they recently bought. Caution, don't try to race her, the Bird has the 429 interceptor motor and when she mashes it, it goes. How well did the Marlow Police know Jerry? Well, when the Police chief learned that he and Pat were planning to marry, he sought Jerry out and offered to let him store his 55 in his barn, to protect it from all those bad people who decorate cars up during weddings. The chief then invited

the whole town to come on over and decorate the car in the comfort of his barn. What a guy. After the ceremony Jerry and Pat were pulled over by the Highway Patrol and delayed on the way to their honeymoon. The officer finally admitted that he was asked to pull them over and mess with them. This may have affected him for life. At the club dinner at Santa Fe Cattle Company a siren went by out on I-240 and Jerry got under the table. Jerry and Pat came to the Cruisers back in 2007 after attending our car show. We are lucky to have them! Thanks for all you do for the club.