

Member Profile
Jerry Chandler (JC)
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First let me say that I promised Jerry that I wouldn't say anything about the Prison time, his current parole officer or the fact that he puts his ankle bracelet on his dog when he leaves his house, and I won't.

Jerry was born in Duncan Oklahoma and lived there for the first 3 years of his life. His Grandparents lived on a farm between Duncan and Comanche where he returned every summer to work on the farm, learning to be a mechanic and how to drive farm vehicles, that he couldn't reach the pedals or third gear without a little help from Grandpa. His parents moved to the city area, specifically Del City. There he attended Epperly Heights Elementary until his 13th birthday. He then moved to the southwest side living on SW 48th and attended Grant high School and graduated a General. While in high school he participated in Football, Baseball and Wrestling. While living in Del City he mowed lawns and then became a paper route guy throwing the Oklahoma City Times, The Daily Oklahoman, and the Oklahoma Journal. His routes included 220 papers in the morning, 160 in the evening and 258 Sunday editions. These routes started on a Schwinn Stingray bike with a three speed gear and a Springer front suspension. He eventually moved up to a 160cc Yamaha motorbike, which was his first powered vehicle. Like all of us the motorbike meant he had made it to the "BIG TIME".

Jerry started working for Lee Way Motor Freight in the tire shop at the age of 15. A nasty job at best! Jerry then went to work at Albertson's grocery stores as a night stocker making \$7.77 per hour. He worked his way up to crew chief, third man and eventually to store manager, which he maintained for 17 years before retiring. He worked in the NW 23rd and Rockwell, N. May, NW Expressway and Tulsa stores.

After high school graduation he got married and started a family which eventually meant 3 daughters Chastity the first, Angelia the second, and Brandis the third. He currently has 8 Grandchildren which he spends lots of time helping out as they play football, baseball, softball and cheering squads for Newcastle School system and little league programs.

His first car was a 1961 Chevrolet Bubble top Impala SS. His brother in law kept it in his garage for a year and a half while it was being built and while waiting for Jerry's 16th birthday. A 1967 Corvette 327, 325 HP 4 speed drive train was installed, out of his brother-in law's wrecked vette. The SS was red with red and white Hounds tooth interior. A series of tickets, illegal exhaust, drag racing, illegal street tires and a tail light out resulted in his car being sold. He then bought a 1966 Olds 442 with a 400 4 speed. This car was black, with silver bottom and black interior. He still has the Olds and plans include a restoration. Three engines are in this shop for this car. A 400, a 455 Hurst W30 and a 350 Rocket. Which one gets the call, who knows? Jerry then bought a basket cast 1957 Harley Hard tail Chopper. It had a suicide clutch side shifter and a long front fork. After rebuilding it he rode it for years. Other cars during his life included a 1975 Pinto Panel with the round Port Hole, a 1977 Dodge Power Wagon with a lift kit, huge

Boondocker tires and Wagon Wheel white with the red and blue stripe Mags. A 1990 5.0 Mustang Black on Black 5 speed, a 1984 F-250 Ford pickup with a modified 400, with hooker headers, an 850 Holley double pumper, MSN ignition and a positive track all around a 13.5 to 1 compression ratio (thank goodness for 104 octane gas that was available back in the old days). This truck was followed by a 2000 King Ranch with saddles for seats, a body kit and the works. In 2003 Jerry ordered the 100th Anniversary Limited Addition Ford truck that he currently drives. Powered by a 5.4 liter supercharged modular engine with a Diablo Chip and a K&N develops 435 HP. Jerry installed Jack Roush suspension kit lowering the truck about 2 inches, a Cobra Cowl Hood and a sport wing. This truck is s/n 9,152 of 10,000 made. Jerry attended car shows, dragged raced in Moore on Telephone road, near the Quail Springs Baptist Church between N.122nd and N.150th and out on Morgan road before I-40 was completed.

He started doing car shows for Cars Road Show and after 5 years started his own business "Rustic Iron in the Heartland". He moved to Newcastle in 1980 and has been a member of our club for 6 years or so. A life of hard work, fast cars, and faith has served him well and we are lucky to have him and his experiences in our club. Many thanks to you for all you do!