

Members Profile
Wilbur and Deb Cameron
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The Camerons, Will and Deb. Will serves as Vice President of the Tri-City Cruisers. Will has had an interest in Classics since 1991, when he purchased a blue 1966 Chevrolet Fleetside pickup, which he named ole blu. His first car show was The Summer Sizzler in Bethany, Oklahoma in 1991. There he met a man that had a 1929 Mercedes convertible kit car. It had a Pinto frame and a VW engine. He liked it so much he bought it, where it then spent most of its time in the garage because he was leery of getting it damaged. He sold it in 1993 at an Edmond car show so he could quit worrying about it. He met another man at The Summer Sizzler named Tommy Johnson that had a 1963 ½ Ford Galaxie which he had purchased new in Edmond, Oklahoma. This man was a quadriplegic. He had the Galaxie modified by attaching a sprocket to the base of the steering column and was chain-driven by a 9" disc, which operated the steering. He had hand controls for the gas and brake. They became good friends and as Tommie's health worsened, Will became his companion at not only car shows, but every day until his death in 1994. Tommie's widow gave Will the car, which he now enjoys showing and driving in Tommie's honor. He has shown this car at the Tri-City car show since 2004 but did not become a member until he moved from Oklahoma City to Blanchard in 2008. The car has been kept original. Will has been known to take his own mechanic on his travels. He wants people to know that his mechanic, Danny, is now for lease, since there was a great interest in him on the last trip. Although Wilbur was born in San Antonio, Texas, he spent most of this childhood in Phoenix, Arizona. He attended Alhambra High School in Phoenix. He remains in close contact with his classmates in visiting trips back to Phoenix and playing trivia via the internet every Sunday evening with the Alhambra gang. Following his father's example he joined the Army as a young man. It all began in Lawton Oklahoma with the Pershing Missile as a Crewman and overseas duties as a criminal investigator with the CID. Ironically, his final military assignment landed him back at Ft Sill as a supervisor of 19 mechanics of an armored tank unit. What a ride! Will's first car was a 1958 Olds Super 88, handed down to him from his dad. Will needed a car for High School. Gasoline was \$0.34 a gallon, a dozen eggs \$0.53, and a gallon of milk was \$1.07. Will didn't eat eggs or drink milk but he sure bought a lot of gasoline. His second car was a blue 1960 Impala with a white roof with light blue interior. As he entered the service the Impala was locked up, the rear end that is, and was later driven by his brother. During his years in the service, two children were born, Wilbur Cameron Jr. (1975-1990) at Ft Sill and Brian Cameron in 1977 at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale Arizona. At the end of an 18-year marriage and the death of this son, Will returns to Oklahoma, working as an armed security officer, investigations and owning an adult daycare. It was at this daycare that Helen attended that he met his current wife, Deb.

Deb is a native of Oklahoma, has one daughter and three grandchildren, operates United Cerebral Palsy Service from their home in Blanchard, Oklahoma and cares for her mentally challenged cousin, Helen, since the death of her Aunt in 1998. She enjoys the club's Christmas get-togethers, Fourth of July event and the Ladies of the car club. She looks forward to the annual Eureka Springs trip mainly for the women comrade shopping

sprees. Even though she doesn't get to go to the meetings and monthly dinners due to Helen, she supports her husband in the things he likes to do for the club. She may not be at every event but she knows all that goes on. She gets a detailed report from her husband.

Will and Deb get back to Phoenix as often as life allows them to see his son Brian, a third degree black belt and a school teacher in the greater Phoenix school system (where all teachers are encouraged to have some sort of self defense training). The two grandchildren, Brian Jr. a black belt and little brown-eyed Nichole look forward to Grandpa and Gramma. They are not bullies in School; dad says that they take care of bullies at school. In any event they are the Cameron's pride and joy. When they start talking about mixed martial arts, Deb thought it had something to do with the different arts of the races. Taekwondo, Jijitsu, Judo, Kendo. No one has the heart to tell her she is not getting any art for Christmas. The Cameron's would like to thank the Cruisers for welcoming them into the club. Deb says the members are like a Church Community, helping each other whenever needed. Will would like to thank the Cruisers for the many jump-starts. A Chevrolet jumper set does indeed start Fords!