

## Larry & Diane Trimpey



Larry was born in Nebraska, attended elementary school in Oakland and went to Acalanes High School in Lafayette.

He has always been a car guy. When he was twenty-one years old, he belonged to a car club and built a “dune buggy” out of a Volkswagen chassis. When he went to the old DMV in Martinez, he found out it was the first one to be registered in Contra Costa County and they listed it under “special construction”. His chosen profession was being a mechanic, and he worked for the Ford Dealership in Concord as well as Shell Oil and several other companies until he went into business for himself.

Larry always wanted a Model A, and so when he and Diane went to the Sacramento Car Museum and he saw a 1928 Model A Coupe Special, he bought it. He and Diane joined the Diablo A's in 2011 and have been enjoying the activities and fellow members ever since.

Diane was born in northern Michigan and grew up on Grand Lake, traveling twenty miles to and from school on a bus. Her family ended up in this area of Michigan because her great grandfather came over from Germany when he was sixteen, finding a job on a sailing schooner traveling up the shores of Lake Huron. The “Fame” shipwrecked off Presque Isle and he was one of only a few who survived. He found work cutting timber for steamboats traveling the Great Lakes and married the local wood cutter's daughter. Diane grew up sailing, her father built sailing boats and her love for sailing still exists today.

She became an RN and ended up traveling to California in the early sixties with a nursing friend. They found work at Stanford Medical Center. She fell in love with California, and has lived here ever since.

Diane and Larry met in 2006, both having lost their spouses in separate tragic accidents. They were married in 2008 and now she is a “car girl”.