

Wayne and Peggy English

On a beautiful fall day with the trees changing colors, Marianne and I visited Peggy and Wayne at home – which was also Peggy's parent's home and the same home where Peggy and Wayne married on February 14, 1988!!!

Our first stop, though, was to pet Molly the basset next door. (For those of you who don't know – we have a basset and we must have a visit with every basset we see.)

Wayne is actually Royal Wayne English, Jr. His father's name is also Royal so his middle name was used. He was born in Renton, Washington, a suburb of Seattle. But I think most of you will be surprised that he graduated from Izmir High School in Izmir, Turkey. His father was an executive in the Boy Scouts who set up programs in Europe at the military bases. (Wayne still knows a little of the Turkish language!) While in high school he played football and wrestled. He also water skied and did scuba diving off the coast of Turkey. Eventually he moved to California where his family had relocated when his father left the Boy Scouts.

Wayne also is quite a musician having played the violin, trumpet, French horn, guitar and banjo. He played drum in the Erfenbach Germany Drum and Bugle Corps. In fact when his family was leaving Erfenbach, he heard the drum and bugle corps around the corner and was disappointed that they had not asked him to play with them one last time. Just then the band rounded the corner and with all the town dignitaries they came to bid the family farewell.

He attended the National Technical Training Division where he learned to repair cameras and also attended Hayward State to get his teaching credential.

After Wayne's father retired he opened Royal Clockwork which Wayne now owns. Before that Wayne worked for Volkswagen and Mercedes Benz as a mechanic but after an accident Wayne joined (in 1990) his father in the clock shop.

Peggy was born in Palo Alto in the original Stanford Hospital. She graduated from Concord High School which was originally called High School #6. She was a member of the first graduating class from the newly renamed school. In fact, from their house you can see the high school across the field. Peggy said she wasn't involved in clubs in high school but enjoyed "home-ec" and made her own clothes.

Peggy worked for Montgomery Wards (where Kohl's currently is located) both in the retail end and administration. After dabbling in drafting and taking a few courses at DVC she joined Stantec Engineering and is now doing CAD and IT.

Wayne and Peggy met at the Walnut Creek Bowl where they competed on different teams.

They have quite a collection of old clocks on the walls in their home but they also collect glass fish floats. Wayne has an interest in antique firearms and Peggy collects old purses – she is up to 15.

They both were involved in community theater and spent 14 years with the Pittsburg Community Theater doing acting, stage management, lighting and sound.

At the first Fun Ford Sunday that the Diablo A's attended in Vallejo, Wayne and Peggy were next door at a gun show. They decided to stroll in to look at the old cars and the Diablo's A's were staged right at the entrance. In fact Marianne says she has the distinct memory of them coming in and looking at the cars. Bill Truesdell and I gave such a sales pitch that they came to the next club meeting and joined shortly after that. After getting advice from Bob Grady and Alex Janke they bought their 1929 Ford -- "Mr. Toad" in July of 2004.

They have served as Tour Coordinators and Peggy has done an outstanding job as Editor of the Moto-Meter the past two years. They've led various tours including a Mystery Tour and they were selected as Outstanding Members in 2007.

One of the most exciting things that happened to Wayne was finding an amphora jar while scuba diving near Turkey. It is at least 2000 years old. These jars were used in ancient days to hold water, oil and wine.

Peggy said probably her most exciting experience was flying in a small plane out of Buchanan Field. She said she really enjoyed the aerial view of Concord until the end when she started getting a little sick.

A few things they have on their "to-do" list include seeing the Northern Lights, visiting Mt. Rushmore and seeing all the sights in Washington DC.

Thanks again for a fun afternoon and your hospitality Peggy and Wayne – and since you're Editor, Peggy, you have a chance to correct any mistakes/misspellings I might have made.

