

## June Gentry

June and J.B. were introduced to the Diablo A's by Earl Fisher in 1971. During her time in the club June has served as Secretary and Refreshment Coordinator. She also says she had the most fun co-hosting four (yes four!) "costumed" Mystery Tours with the Boarman's, the Forige's and the Wilsons.

Marianne and I were fairly new to the club when J.B. passed away. I enjoyed sitting and talking with him and he always had a twinkle in his eye. He seemed to be "happy-go-lucky" and I wish I would have known him longer.

Born in Kentucky, J.B.'s family purchased a new 1937 Ford and packed J.B., his brother, sister, and everything they owned and headed west for Concord, CA. He graduated from Mt. Diablo High School and spent 30 years working for Shell Chemical Company.

June was one of eight children and was born in Wagner, South Dakota. She graduated from Wagner High School. In 1952, while visiting her sister in Concord she decided to stay.

J.B. and her sister were friends, and she introduced June to him at a local bowling alley. They married in 1954 and have a son and daughter and two grandsons.

J.B. had his first Model A when he was 16. After they were married, when they realized that they needed a second car, they purchased a Model A pickup. (That's also when he taught June to drive.) The children rode in the bed of the pickup, but after deciding it was both unsafe and uncomfortable for them, they purchased a Model A sedan.

June told me of an incident that always made J.B. laugh. Like all Model A owners he was always on the look out for parts. One day he and Earl Fisher went to Martinez following a lead. They knocked on the door of a house and were greeted by a barking chihuahua. Earl ignored the dog until J.B. informed him that the dog was relieving himself on Earl's foot. June said he laughed for 3 days about that.

Another search took him to Copperopolis where he heard there was an "A" in a field. He and his son found the car behind a fence but there was no access to get to it. They couldn't find anyone who knew anything about it, so they returned home empty handed. Since that day, every time a part's search ended without success it was called a "Copperopolis trip."

As everyone in the club knows, June loves quilting, but she has also done ceramics and ornament collecting.

The most exciting thing in her life, she says, was a family heritage tour to Sweden.

I asked her if there was anything about her that would surprise people and she replied – "probably lots of stuff" but nothing I could write about. (Hmm?) "Really" she said, "I am what you see." What I've always seen is a beautiful woman with a great deal of class.

June will be attending a family reunion with six of her brothers and sisters in Branson, Missouri on June 14<sup>th</sup>. But what she'd really like to do is take all of her family on a cruise.

