

## Herb and Marilyn Neumann

Herb was born in Chicago and attended Riverside Brookville High School where his favorite class was shop. He received an AS Degree from DeVry College.

He worked for IIT Research Institute as a research clerk until October 1968 when he joined Varian. He was sent to Walnut Creek for 6 weeks of training. While sitting in a heated pool in Pleasant Hill he thought – “There is no way I can do this in Chicago in November. I need to move here.” Before that move to California happened he had to spend 4½ years in Cincinnati, but eventually he made it to the Walnut Creek facility.

It was there that he finally met the love of his life, Marilyn, who worked in Human Resources. It took some courage on his part to ask her out, but he did and she said yes. He said he felt like a kid at Christmas. Their first date was a Model A tour – I guess it was her test run – to the Rio Vista Railroad Museum. Herb and Marilyn were married on December 10, 2000.

Marilyn is one of those rare people – a native Californian. She attended Richmond High School and has a BA in English from Western Baptist Bible College. Her favorite pastime growing up was teasing her twin sister.

Herb has two daughters by a previous marriage. One has a PhD in Psychology and has a brand new baby girl. His other daughter has presented him with two granddaughters.

Marilyn has two sons by a previous marriage and has twin grandchildren (a boy and a girl). Sadly, they're moving to the Seattle area.

Herb's interest in cars started with his father who was a mechanic and also worked at a parts house. Herb said he always liked the looks of the Model A pick-up and he finally purchased one in April 1991. He still has it. The Neumanns also have another Model A – a '29 coupe special.

Herb joined the Diablo A's in May 1991 and has held the offices of President (1994 & 1995), Vice President (1993 & 1995) Treasurer (2000 & 2001), Secretary (1999) and has been the ACCC representative since 1993. Marilyn is currently the Tour Coordinator and was Secretary in 2003.

Herb's one wish is to drive a Model A back to Arkansas where his parents retired. “It's God's country where there is a calmer way of life.”

Besides Model A'ing, his other “hobbies” are NASCAR and traveling. In fact he says one of his biggest thrills was driving a NASCAR simulator. He crashed on the straightaway. He would really like to actually drive a NASCAR racer.

Marilyn's other hobbies include reading and traveling. She has been to Europe, New Zealand, Australia and Malaysia. Paris is her favorite city. The one thing she would like to do is go back to those places with Herb. (Got a good retirement plan Herb?)

One thing that might surprise you about Marilyn is that she has done parasailing. And did you know that Herb was a Bingo caller for 7 years? Ask them both about their experiences.

It's a hoot to be around them. They both are always smiling and laughing – maybe because they're still newlyweds.

