

Carol & Joe VanBrunt

1- What got first interested in this car/cars?

My husband Joe is 60 years old. Growing up he always had muscle cars. His interest in classics goes back to his teen years. He did a lot of drag racing at Old Englishtown Speedway in New Jersey. Carol, Joe's wife, 51 years old, grew up in an "antique car club" family. Her parents had several antique cars and from the time she was a little girl she was always involved in the antique car clubs in California. She was also in several parades. Every year at Easter, she was in the Disneyland Parade, riding in her Dad's 1910 Buick down "Main Street."



2- Where did you find this car?

Our 1957 T-bird belonged to Carol's Mom. Four years ago, Carol's Dad passed away. Her Mom, Norma, had Alzheimer's disease and was unable to drive the T-bird anymore, so Carol "inherited" it!!!! She had driven and ridden in it often with her Mom. This car has been in her family since the early 1970's. Her Dad bought it for her Mom from his neighbor (the original owner). Our daughter, Bonnie, drove the T-bird to her senior prom in 2004. We were living in California at that time. The T-bird was moved, along with us, one year ago to Texas. The T-bird is originally from California....Dealer name was Bill Heath, in North Hollywood, CA.

3- shape was it in when you purchased it?

Everything is original. It is the same as it was when Carol was a kid.

4. Car specs:

- 1- engine...312 V-8**
- 2- trans.....Automatic**
- 3- drive-train modifications.....None**
- 4- suspension....Standard**
- 5- Interior/exterior modifications?...None**
- 6- exhaust...Dual Exhaust**
- 7- co\$t.....PRICELESS**