

Member Spotlight.....

"I never met a person I didn't already know"



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What can you say about JC & Millie Fazzino? They are one of our Chapter O larger than life couples.

JC & Millie have been married for 44 years at the time this was written. They have 2 sons

Michael & Charles who are married with children. Millie & JC have 5 grandchildren, and 1 step – grandchild. They also have another furry & spoiled son as JC puts it by the name of St. Jake who is actually a Pug.

JC is a native Texan from the Brazos River bottom area of Texas. The name of the community he was born and raised in is Mudville, TX, which is South of Hearn out Farm to Market Road 50 and almost due west of Bryan, Texas. Mudville is located in Brazos county Texas. Mudville was also known as Steel's Store by the local residents. The area was settled by Italian immigrants. Maybe that's where the Fazzino family name came from? By the way if you make a ride through the town, make sure to ride Fazzino Road.

Millie is a native Texan also. She was born in Shady Grove, TX a town just North of Bertram, and North East of Burnet, Texas. Shady Grove is now considered a ghost town. The town was originally know as Russell Gabriel (1850's) and then Middle Gabriel (of the San Gabriel River). The name Shady Grove was originally chosen for a grove of live oak trees that are still there today. Millie was raised in Oatmeal, Texas just South West of Bertram, Texas.

Millie is a graduate of Bertram High School and went to a business collage in Austin. JC graduated from Steven F. Austin in Bryan, TX and attended Allen Military Academy for 1 year.

While Millie was attending collage she was invited to JC's sisters wedding and that is how they met. JC was her escort for the weekend. JC says that before either of them knew what happened they were married. When they met Millie was working for the Texas State Board of Insurance. Farming and custom harvesting is what JC's occupation was at the time.

In 1958 JC went on his first "Commercial Mechanical Cotton Pick Harvest" and he was hooked on the "Gypsy" traveling life style or the "fever" as JC refers to it. Well, after being

married for 1 – 1-1/2 years and Michael's arrival it was decided that JC's 2 boats, 1 motorcycle, 1 dirt bike, and 1 worn out scooter and various other toys had to go. Millie thought the toys had various short coming, like drowning, road rash, and being more than 6 feet off the ground was not safe. So it was decided, JC would get rid of the toys so she would not raise the boys alone.

After being involved in all phases of the agri-businesses JC retired in 1999 and turned the businesses over to their sons. The trucks were turned over to Michael and the day to day farming turned over to Charles.

In 2001 while coming out of Houston on Hwy 6 a Trike passed JC & Millie at a nice clip. They would pass the trike and it would pass them back and forth they went until they reached the McDonald's in Hearn. When it pulled into the McDonald's JC wanted to check it out as it was the first time he has seen one. As the rider, on the trike dismounted and remove their helmet it was a 72 year old women traveling by herself. Of course as usual with JC they ended up visiting with her for awhile. After all we know JC's motto **"I never met a person I didn't already know"**. Then on their way home Millie told JC she might ride on a trike with him. Three months later there was a trike in their drive way. One year later Millie was riding on it and wanted a trike of her own.

Then in September of 2001 JC met a group of Chapter O riders in the Dixie Café in Hearn, doing what else but eating breakfast. After all remember with JC **"I never met a person I didn't already know"**. They were on their way to Shreveport, LA to attend the Region H Rally. After awhile JC had forgotten about the breakfast meeting. New Year's Eve JC was cleaning off his desk and came across Bill Lea's card. JC called him and Bill invited them to a Catfish Dinner at a restaurant on Bee Caves Road. At that time they were invited to a Chapter Gathering and as JC puts it "I have been riding with this great group of folks ever since."

JC has toured all but 6 states, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and 3 mainland providences of Canada.

Millie has ridden 25 states, with 2 forays into Canada. One ride lead by Gene & Gayle Thomas which was in 2006 and one ride with JC in 2009. They returned after a trip of 6000 miles in 28 days on 2 trikes. Imagine this, they were still talking to each other when they got back. Millie would just turn off the CB when she needed to tune JC out. They have also been on many other trips with other folk's in the Chapter like Billy & Tim Leau and many others too numerous to list.

JC & Millie really enjoy there life with there immediate family and there extended riding family too. Well you know the drill according to JC **"I never met a person I didn't already know"**