

## MUSTANG ROMANCE STORIES: ED AND VALERIE MEYER'S MUSTANG WEDDING

by Brad Bowling

Ed and Valerie Meyer of Huntington, Indiana, were married on October 25, 1986 at St. John's Lutheran Church with a reception at Burton's Caper House. Everybody was decked out in traditional wedding tuxedos and dresses.

Not traditional, however, was the wedding procession. It was made up of the fastest, best-looking, most sought-after musclecars from the sixties. All of the cars belonged to friends of the bride and groom and were all either restored or excellent originals.

Three Mustangs, placed in order of model year, made up the first half of the train. They include John Neuhoff's 1969 Royal Maroon Mach I Super Cobra Jet (driven by Paul Meyer), Ron Meyer's Medium Gold Metallic 1970 Boss 302, and John Neuhoff's Bright Blue Metallic 1971 Boss 351.

Three Shelybs, also chronologically positioned, pulled up the rear, including Steve Keusch's Lime Gold 1967 GT 500, Steve's 1968 Red GT 500KR (driven by Bob Meyer) and Ed and Valerie's 1969 Orchid Metallic GT 500 Drag Pack convertible (driven by best man Joe Meyer).

Right after the wedding, Ed and Valerie got into their Freudian Gilt-colored 1969 Mach I Super Cobra Jet and, like the true Mustang fans they are, drove through the night to Anniston, Alabama for the 5th Annual Model City Mustang Show. Their Mach, after a quick bath and cleanup, took first place in its class and also Best of Show (pretty impressive when you consider the almost non-stop storm that it had endured on the trip).

After the show, the tired couple headed to the Smokey Mountains for their honeymoon.

Ed is not new to the high-performance business. He has owned hi-po cars since the age of 17 and has been showing the restoring them for the past six years. He is also an assis-



*The rain just couldn't put a damper on this wedding.*

*High-performance wedding procession.*





Valerie races ponies of the four-legged kind.

tant to the National Head Judge for the MCA for the 1969-70 Mustangs. He and Valerie currently have three other Mustangs in their collection besides the wedding car and the honeymoon car. They have a 1968 GT 500KR, a 1969 Maroon Boss 429, and a 1970 GT 500 convertible.

Valerie has been showing and racing horses of a different kind all her life. Although she has always been an avid enthusiast of the high-performance Fords, her first love runs toward the four-legged variety. Like Ed, Valerie is all-too-familiar with the grooming, trailering, and showing of prized ponies.

It would seem obvious that these two were meant for each other, but Valerie says, "We had known each other for ten years but didn't realize we had so much in common until the last two and a half."

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