

# CBX Member Bios

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Hello fellow CBX'ers!

I live and work in Perryton, Texas, a small rural agricultural and oil and gas based community in the far northern Texas panhandle. I'm 50 years young, and have been married to very special lady, Cindy, for 26 years. I have two teenage girls - one a junior in high school, and the other a freshman at Texas A & M, and a son, deceased in 2000 at age eighteen.

I've worked for a major natural gas compression company for the last 19 years...and submitted my resignation to them on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003!! To make a very long story short, I grew weary of the corporate attitude, lack of loyalty to employees and customers, and the unrealistic expectations of my (remaining) co-workers and myself. Another couple of years of job stress like the past two, and I expect I'd be dead of a heart attack...so I decided I'd rather be poor, happy, alive and pursuing my passion. Cindy and I have gone back to college and are well on the way to getting our Texas real estate licenses. I plan to do the real estate thing part time, and pursue my passion with vintage cars and bikes the rest of the time. I don't want to be 70 years old and be looking back saying, "Gee, I sure wish I'd at least have tried that!" I will now prove to myself that either I can or cannot make a living doing what I love. Either way, I won't have to spend the rest of my life wondering about it. Wish me luck.

### An Early Infection

I started riding when my dad brought a 1964 Honda Trail 90 home when I was 11 years old. My first new bike at age 15 was a Yamaha DC6C 250 Street Scrambler, followed at age 16 by a Honda CB350 Twin, then at age 17 by a Honda CB750 Four (which I still have, in beautiful original condition). I worked for a Kawasaki and Moto Guzzi dealership throughout the 1970's, and very successfully raced Class B

professional short track and TT for five years. Today, I collect and restore primarily early Hondas and Kawasakis, and currently own 105 street, dirt and race bikes. (Yes, 105, as in one-oh-five...I'm a really sick person! :-)

I also collect and restore Ford Mustangs and currently own eleven, ranging from 1969 Boss 429's purchased in 1974, up to a 2003 Mach 1. I actually ride very few miles per year, as I'm usually too busy working on the bikes and cars. Also, this part of Texas is barren, flat, and desolate - and unlike Deals Gap - we have 11 curves in 318 miles.

### Two, Four, and Finally a Six

I had always admired the CBX, bought my first one (a silver 79) and joined the ICOA in 1989. My *daily* rider is a lightly modified 1979 CBX with custom green paint, Corbin seat, stock engine with 47,000 miles, gold CB1100F Canadian spec wheels, late model CBX front forks and brakes, and reinforced stock swing arm. I currently own a total of six CBX's - five 79 models, and a new 1981 model (with 2.4 miles).

I was first attracted to the CBX by the incredible engineering and tradition that went into the bike. From the time I was 13 years old, I had followed the story of the Honda RC165 and RC166 race bikes, introduced in the mid sixties, and then again becoming popular with the vintage movement of the late eighties and nineties.

What I continue to enjoy about the CBX is its remarkable smoothness, ability to turn the heads of even the most jaded enthusiasts, and the absolutely amazing sound of that wonderful six at full song!

### Sure Beats Working

Cindy and I organized the annual Steamboat Springs, Colorado CBX Rally in conjunction with the AHRMA Vintage Races from 1990 until the city of Steamboat cancelled the AHRMA event completely in the late 90's. I have also organized a small get together of enthusiasts for the last four years in conjunction with the AMA Super Bike Races at Pikes Peak Raceway in Colorado.

We attended Daytona Bike Week from 1991 through 2000. I have also attended Mid Ohio Vintage M/C Days, and numerous other vintage auctions and shows around the country, from Daytona to Dallas to Las Vegas.



Cindy and Wes Anderson

A dream come true for me was to work on the Team Obsolete Race Team at Daytona in 1995 and 1996. Spending time both at the track and away from the track with Jim Redman, Nobby Clark, Don Vesco, Dave Roper, Giacomo Agostini, and many others is a separate story best left for telling at another time.

I would like to see the ICOA participate even more in conjunction with some of the smaller established events, both vintage and modern-an event within an event so to speak. Along these lines, I plan to launch a new Mid-Continent CBX Rally in conjunction with the AHRMA Sandia Classic in Albuquerque, NM in the spring of 2004. Please watch for additional info on the CBX mail list and website.

### The Important Stuff

What I like about the ICOA is that it provides a vehicle for the preservation of the CBX. By that, I mean it provides common ground for exchange of technical data, parts sourcing, restoration tips, and networking with other CBX owners...a good way to help maintain and keep the bikes on the road for many years to come.

I believe we have one of the more special motorcycles in history, and to me, the most valuable part of the CBX experience has been the friends we have made along the way - the motorcycle itself has become secondary to the relationships Cindy and I have built around a club call the ICOA.

Kindest regards,  
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South West Regional Director

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*Left to Right - David Stremmel and Debbie (Houston, TX), James Blair (Wichita Falls, TX), David Noe (Perryton, TX), Larry Weisfuss and wife (residence unknown), Wes Anderson (Perryton, TX), David Wilson (Wichita Falls, TX), Perry Clark (Castle Rock, CO), Craig Williams (Denver, CO).*





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