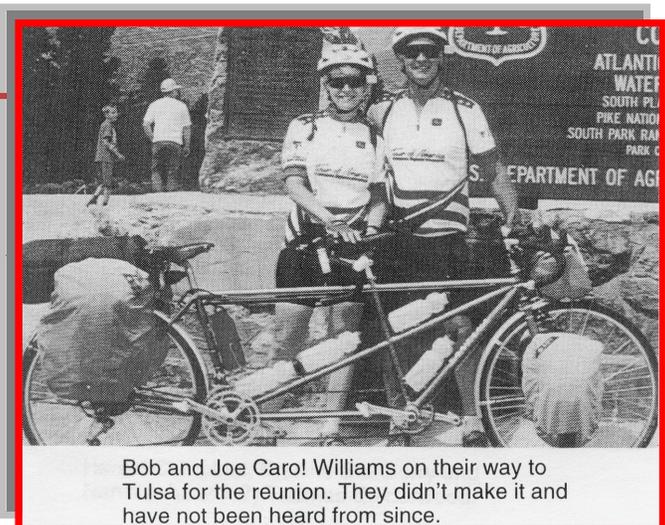


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## Bob Williams - Around the World in 80,000 miles on a Bike



Bob and Joe Carol Williams on their way to Tulsa for the reunion. They didn't make it and have not been heard from since.

Bobby Williams is an *Iron Man supreme*. He has ridden his bicycles approximately **80,000 miles** including riding tandem with his wife Jo Carol (married 46 years) 4,200 across the USA plus tandem France Germany Slovakia, Switzerland and Hungary. and ran the 1989 Boston Marathon. But that was not enough. Bob entered the IRONMAN competitions (5-times) and placed second in his age group. No more Ironman's but he is still running and biking.

Bob spent 37 years with the Corps of Engineers without a break in service. He started as a draftsman and attended night school at TU and ended up as a civil engineering tech. He retired in 1994 just as the downsizing began reducing the Tulsa District.

Bob is very mechanical. Bob had a motor scooter since he was age 14. He was a outstanding mechanic as was his dad. He had a 1951 Ford coupe in 1957. He installed a 1956 Pontiac engine, transmission and rear end (he knew the Ford parts would not hold up). I remember driving with him and we chose a modified 1950 Olds to race on the streets of Tulsa. Bobby blew him away. The guy thought he was racing a stock Ford.

Then Bobby then purchased a 1952 Ford Station Wagon and was one of the first in Tulsa to install a 1956 Chevy engine. He continually won "D" gas at the old Tulsa North Airport drag strip. He was protested many times as competitors could not believe he ran so fast on such a small engine. In 1963 he went national racing and won his class at the 1962 AHRA Nationals in Texas warranting his name and picture in the Tulsa World and mention in several Hot Rod type magazines.

Bob and Jo Carol have 11 grandchildren from his son and daughter ranging in age from 6 to 21 years old.

**SEE YA AT THE REUNION BOB!**

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