

Why me Lord?

The Adventures of Pete Paulsen
In French Camp & Hawaii



Part II

Final - Final

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The Del Rio Roadster and Rich Guasco's Pure Hell

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Pat

Pat and I went on our first date in nineteen sixty-seven. Jim Booth, a good friend of mine, was married at that time to Judi, who was one of Pat's best friends from grade school. Pat wasn't thrilled about it but said okay, as she had met me years earlier when her former husband Ron brought me to their apartment for breakfast. But the four of us went to Vallejo Speedway to watch the races, as I was no longer racing there after I totaled my car in 1965. We started dating shortly after.



Steve Casado, a former employee and long-time friend, had got his son Jerry into quarter midget racing and was also building quarter midgets, invited Pat, myself and her two boys to come watch the races. The boys thought it was way too cool and asked if they could do it. At this time Pat and I were living together, and I said let's do it. I had Steve build a car for the boys and they started their required QMA training before they could start racing. Later my daughters Doreen and Corinne came to live with us, and they raced for a short period. Pat got involved and made their first racing uniforms. One Time Pat even raced a quarter midget on mother's day, the mothers got to race their kids' cars in a special race. She was involved in all our racing and car events from day one until she was bedridden.

One of my best friends is Danny Gibbs, the son of Kay who was one of Pat's best friends from school. Kay, Pat, and Judi were

like the three amigos - is that cool or what? It gets better...When I found out where Danny lived, I asked him if he knew a lady by the name of Syble Evans, who lives on his same street we use to race with her son Donnie. Danny replied "Oh, yeah, that's my mother-in-law. I'm married to Donnie's sister Leesha."



The Crew



Danny's First Win



Getting Their Certificates



Doreen & Corinne



Mother's Day Race With Pat & Darlene (Troy Rozendahl's Mom)