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It's 1970 back in Deerlodge, Montana. I meet Emery Dean Cooper, my future husband, we was at a football game. Emery was sellin' hotdogs while I was enjoyin' the game. Emery offered me a hotdog, I said 'no thanks.'

The week seemed to drag by. We went to the show. On the way home Emery put me behind the wheel and told me 'drive Honey.' I didn't know what to do, where to start or even why I was there. He noticed my pause, and told me to turn the key, so I did. I was a - mazed, I had started it, 'What do I do now?' His reply was 'Put it in 'D' and step on the gas.' Now that was where he made the 'Big Mistake!' Good thing I had lived out in the country, For I was all over the road and in the ditch to. I heard him squeal 'Hit the Breaks! Ooooh but it was to late we was already in the ditch. He than pushed me out and said, 'Move over, I'll drive! Emery did give me another chance. He brought out his new Willey's Jeep and we went for a ride up into the mountains. When we got to our destination he told me, 'Take the wheel Donna! When I got there I replied, 'What do I do?' He answered 'Ya put it in 1st gear and climb the mountain.' I got it in the 1st gear and let the clutch out. I couldn't beleive my eyes, I was climbin' that mountain. So I shoved it in 2nd and we really started goin' but somethin' went wrong. So I pushed in the clutch and we started flyin' down the hill backwards. I didn't know what to do. In all the confusion I heard in the distance Emery yellin' let off the clutch, let off the clutch, let off the clutch. I was so confused. I didn't know what to do we was flyin' down the hill so fast I thought we where goners. We came to screeching halt, this time it wasn't my fault, there was a tree behind us. That tree, as we thought, had saved our lives. Not the trees's life, our lives. That was until we got home, you should have seen Emery's mothers face when she saw the jeep. If looks could kill we would be dead. She asked what had happened, Emery lied and said that he had backed up into a tree. Before leaving Emery told me we would try again when I was 15. That was only the begginin' of my driving experiences, but that a whole different story. Tune in next time for "Donna runs into a trailer house agian!"

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