



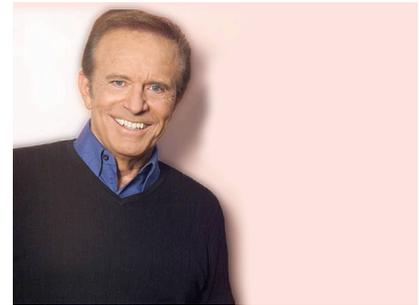
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Eubanks still gets a kick out of 'Newlywed Show' people

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VAN WERT —Bob Eubanks is having a good time. On the road with the live show, “The Not So Newlywed Game.” Eubanks is enjoying himself. Speaking with the Times Bulletin earlier this week from Austin, Texas, Eubanks continued to talk about how much fun he has as a game show host.

“You go out and you make people laugh.” he said. “That’s what I get a kick out of. It’s just a fun time.”

Actually Eubanks has done many other things in addition to his time with The Newlywed Game, Card Sharks, and other television appearances. He was a top rock and roll DJ in Los Angeles for more than seven years. He produced concerts for artists such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Merle Haggard. Eubanks also produced television shows. He has written a book and also works as a motivational speaker. But across the country, he is best remembered as the host who laughed along with countless newly married couples and awarded a grand prize chosen especially for them.

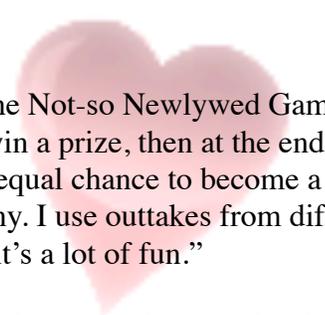
A new version of the game show is coming to the Niswonger Performing Arts Center Saturday night. The Not So Newlywed Game opens the game up to married couples no matter how long they have been married.

“I think it’s more fun with the ones who have been married,” he revealed. “There’s just so much going on. Elderly couples are funny. Everyone is funny if you take the time to draw that humor from them and that’s something God gave me, I guess. I’ve learned to make people talk.”

The Newlywed Game appeared on television off and on between 1966-96 and even was revived after the turn of the century.

“I’m the only host to do the same the same format with original programming in five different decades,” he pointed out.

That show format is still fun Eubanks. So much so that he is keeping it going with a few minor changes as a show on the road.



“What I do is a thing called the Not-so Newlywed Game,” he explained. “It’s a very fun evening. We use eight couples. They win a prize, then at the end of the show someone has a chance to win \$100,000. Everybody has an equal chance to become a contestant as I go right into the audience and pick the couples. It’s funny. I use outtakes from different game shows, and it’s just a show that has a lot of laughter and it’s a lot of fun.”

It’s the people that keep Eubanks at ease hosting the show. His ease with someone who isn’t sure how to answer a question and his sheer joy when a contestant says something honest and funny has helped to make him popular — a comfortable presence in America’s living rooms. And for the past five years, he has been a part of their time out at the theatre also. But it’s not just to keep himself amused. For audiences, he has one major wish.

“I hope they get sore from laughing!” he stated.

The Not So Newlywed Game begins Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the box office.

