

# Member Featured Car of the Month November 2010

## My MGB Story (77 MGB)

By Bob Carson

We had always been involved with cars (it's in the name - Carson) with both my sons who raced a Formula Ford (1600 cc) open wheeler for many years in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Later after my wife of 42 years passed away, I was looking for a project to keep me occupied (sanity) during the winter. I started to look for a 1959 Triumph to rebuild (nice car Louie) which I had before I was married in 1963. A fellow that I had worked with a number of years invited me over to look at his 1977 MGB. He was the original owner but had not driven the car for many years only starting and driving it around the block each month.



Even though I was not totally enthusiastic to the idea we struck a good deal. It was in very good shape but needed a lot of TLC for example the four bolts on the boot for the gear shift had four different bolts, none of which were correct. I replaced a collection of things in restoring it to original condition and was then ready for the paint shop.

The original colour was Evening Primrose (flower in England) a little more yellow than chartreuse. The shop matched it to original paint and painted the stripped down car.



It is amazing how the parts that you removed don't fit back in the same slots that they came out of. Well I got it back together in time for driving season (April to October in Canada). It looked good and I was very happy with my handy work.



As fate would have it, I met a lady (Yvonne Washer) from Troy, Ohio in Florida. I had known her through her late husband who was with B. F. Goodrich in Troy and had passed away in 2000. We married in Nov. 2006 and in the spring of 2007 the "B" made the 750 mile trip from Canada to Troy, Ohio.

We are now Florida residents and the MGB is a daily driver here in Ohio in the summer, since we leave my wife's car, a yellow VW Beetle, in Florida. Each season I park the MG on Jacks, put 50

Lbs in the tyres and remove the battery and put it in the warm basement. When we return the following May, I reinstall the battery and with a little patience the "B" ignites and we are ready for another season.

Happy Motoring;

Bob & Yvonne Carson

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