

Member Featured Car of the Month April 2013

Rick and Susie Shields' '73' MGB Roadster

By Rick Shields

I started by looking for that certain retirement project, maybe an old Corvette (too costly) maybe a Nova, Mustang, Chevelle or just some kind of Detroit iron. Instead, I found my project, a 1973 MGB roadster. After dragging my new project home, using assorted tools and ball peen hammers, I persuaded the old girl to start. I drove the B as is for a couple of years. My family and friends making fun of me and my B, prodded me to start the restoration.

When I retired a few years later I thought I would have plenty of time to work on it taking my time and doing it right. Boy was I wrong! I'm busier now than I was when I was working. After a short 4+ years, the B was back on the road.

Susie and I have really enjoyed running around in the B with the top down (no one makes fun of it now). We look forward to participating in more car shows and events in the years to come. Maybe even some out of state trips or a national show.

Since our daughter and son in-law, Amy and Nick Garman, purchased an MG Midget, we try to schedule road time together, mainly meeting at Graeters Ice Cream store in Oakwood. And, we're trying to keep up with them and their notoriety, as their MG Midget was featured in the Octagon News last month.

Although I didn't get the muscle car I thought I always wanted, I am very pleased with my little British roadster. Susie says I have a great big smile on my face every time I drive it. After all isn't that the reason we all have them?

