

Larry & Gloria Youngblood's 1975 MG Midget

By Larry Youngblood

Purchased the car new in November of '75 at Walker Bros. Olds & Imports. A year later, my first wife had stalled the car in an intersection south of Dayton and a pickup truck came along and nailed the right front of the car. Walker Bros. rebuilt the car. A few years later, my second wife and I were on the first outing of the summer in the car at Rte. 40 and Rte 25 in Vandalia. I was moving into the left turn lane, the light was red. A pickup on my right did not see me coming and motioned for a car to come out of a fast food lot to go south on 40. As soon as I saw the car come past the truck, I nailed the brakes and the nose went down. The car saw me at the last minute and speeded up to make the turn, leaning heavily to the right. I proceeded to drive under her car and she drove her '74 Chevy Monte Carlo on top of the Bonnet and parked. I looked straight up and she looked straight down from the driver's seat and we asked each other if we were OK. No injuries other than pride.



The Midget was towed to Smedleys where it spent the night. The next day, a buddy and I went over with a trailer to retrieve it. When he saw the car, he said no need for a trailer. We pulled the fenders off the tires and I drove it home. Completed the rebuild myself.

Had the car at work one day and after hours, I brought the car into the shop to change the oil. After finishing the job, I got in, closed the door gently, put it in reverse, nailed the gas and clutch, and went backing out of the shop a little faster than anticipated. The driver's door which was not latched properly flew open and was caught on the framework of the overhead door, ripping it off the car. Another trip to the body shop. Since then, the Midget has survived many years of use without major incident.



The longest trip I have made in the car was to Newport, Rhode Island for my two week stint with the Navy Reserve. Interstate highway the entire way. Speed limit at that time was 55. Someone did take a knife to the top on that trip but that was minor compared to the past history. My wife flew in for the last week of my duty and we drove it home together. We have driven the car to Gatlinburg two

times. The car is used mainly for short drives in the country in recent times.

The car has been attending various car shows since 1996 winning a few awards. Currently it is in the front of the garage getting maintenance and cleaned up for the next show. Do not get to drive it too much anymore because I am getting too old and fat to fit in it. I have since built a 1979 MGB that fits me a little better and that sees more use nowadays.



My 20 year old granddaughter loves the car. I have even allowed her to drive the car a few times. My wife and I have promised her that she will someday inherit the Midget.

