



Squire SS-100 Registry

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MEMBER PAUL HELMICK

built a new shop last year just to store all his gas burning toys but principally to continue the upgrading of his nifty Chassis # 44 that was originally restored by Bill Lieske many years ago. As many of us have in the past, he has hit on the idea of adding color to his shop walls with discarded license plates from wherever? Last time I looked his collection was up and running and he'd sure like to add to it. So, if you have any old license plates laying around that you'll part with, I'm sure he'd be delighted to pay the cost of S & H from your house to his. Just send them to Paul at: 11 McCall Lane - Tijeras, NM 87059-7859. And if you need to ask him whether he has your State or not you can email him at: p_helmick@msn.com

A REGISTRY SPRING MEETING?

No one has said a word about a location for a 2006 Spring meeting so unless I hear otherwise it looks like we'll go for Laughlin, Nevada again? It's a fairly easy drive down from Las Vegas for those of you that fly out and all the Westerners will drive in for a total of six or more restored Squire SS-100s on display? If you have a better idea let's hear from you otherwise; put aside a few bucks and some vacation time for Nevada next March?

And, speaking of meetings, have you ever noticed that Squire ownership tends to bunch up in clumps. We had the first meetings in the Fall at Mark Offenbergs because there were so many SS-100s on Long Island - and we still need a volunteer to sponsor gatherings in that location again. Then ownership in the far West became a fact and we've been meeting out here off and on for the past ten years. We had one gathering in Michigan to support the local members and by the looks of it, North Carolina may soon become a candidate? With that let me introduce you to the newest member:

CHASSIS # 16 CHANGES HANDS

Ben Cunningham has sold his Squire SS-100 to Rod & Ruth Whedbee, 502 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144-5420 - Area 704+639-9964. rodwhedbee@bellsouth.net. Rod plans a complete body-off restoration of # 16 and that after Ben also spent lots of time and effort on the car including removing the original front suspension and replacing it with a Mustang II front end with both disc brakes and rack & pinion steering, a new paint job and other modifications. Rod plans to attend the next owners get together to meet the other members and ogle some of the restored Squires for ideas for his own restoration.

CAR SHOWS

Most of us have entered our pride and joy in car shows and then questioned the sanity of car show judges who passed our cars in favor of some local garage queen that's trailered to the show. Those are usually valid judgements on our part and just proves that judging is loaded with inequality. However, we in the Southwest have come up with a classic. (Continued)

There is a giant, yearly show in Sierra Vista, AZ, right down on the Mexican border. It's sponsored by a local club and consists mostly of street rods, Ford and Chevy, with a few stock classics around to make it interesting for Registry members. This year I drove down from Phoenix, Paul Helmick trailered # 45 down from Albuquerque and local member George Breckel registered his # 20. We agreed to meet at the show site at 7:30 AM and Paul and I were on time but George wandered in at 9:30 without his Squire, explaining that when he backed it out of the garage that morning his foot went to the floor when he applied the brakes. Seems he had blown the master cylinder. So George spent the day with us just chatting but without his car. He had to leave before the awards but we had agreed to all meet for dinner that evening.

When they finally got around to announcing the trophies, first place in our sports car class went to an MGB, the same garage queen that won it last year and hadn't been driven a mile since then. Then they announced second place and imagine our surprise when it went to George Breckel for his Squire SS-100! We collected the trophy and presented it to George that evening where he promptly accused us of buying it for him. This caused a great deal of mirth and merriment at our dinner party and we finally convinced George that it was legit and a really dumb mistake on the judges' part. I did write to the club on my return home and they responded with a long winded email that did not explain what happened. Their answer was, "We can't explain it". So, when you don't win, don't despair. Blame it on the knot-headed judges.

OLD SQUIRE PARTS

We are once again begging you to save, or ship to me, any of the original parts you may remove from your Squire? Original horns and side view mirrors are being removed and other members really want them so keep them or anything else, please.

HELP!

You can tell from the brevity of this letter that I'm running out of material for the newsletter. If you have anything of interest, even humor, send it along and I'll print it. Many cars are still being restored or modified and the membership is keenly interested in hearing about it - so send it along and it'll be in the next letter.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

