

Squire SS-100 Registry

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Last month I ended the letter with a reference to what happened to Eleanor Wade's Squire while on consignment at a used car lot that deals in specialty and classic cars and it's not a pretty story.

Eleanor had owned the car since the early '80s and when she moved from Lake Geneva, Illinois to Naples, Florida she had the Squire loaded right into the moving van and transported with her other goods. She enjoyed driving the Squire in the Florida sun for some time but a few years ago sold her house and moved into a prefab home with no sheltered parking and it was breaking her heart to watch the car deteriorate. With misgivings, she decided to sell her pet Squire SS-100.

Being a lady alone she was not sure just how to proceed so she advertised it in a Florida automotive resale publication with poor results. She then contacted a lot that accepted cars for resale on consignment and she gave them the Squire to sell for her - with NO WRITTEN CONSIGNMENT AGREEMENT. Bad mistake!!

First, she had some loose Squire parts that included the horns, windwing retainers, sun visors, the entire windshield wiper assembly including all the parts under the dash and some other one-of-a-kind Squire parts that she put into a tote sack to be included in the sale of the car. Now, the entire sack is missing with no recourse. Next, when she gave the dealer the car he convinced her that her old carpeting was shot but he could "Get her a real deal on new carpet". The car sat outside on the lot for months and a storm opened up the seams on the top. Subsequent storms (and it rains alot in Florida) ruined the new carpeting and in the process, retained water and rusted the seat runners through, ruining them. Meanwhile, someone tried to open the hood from the REAR, breaking the hinges and cracking the hood. Someone else swiped the gas cap allowing water to enter the gas tank and repeated startings pulled water up throughout the entire system and all the starting attempts depleted, and ruined, the battery.

Now, enter our Squireless member from Long Island, Mark Offenbergl, who was vacationing in Florida and decided to drive over to Naples and check out the car. Mark took one look, then advised Eleanor to get her Squire off the lot. Mark even tried to intercede with the dealer who claimed NO responsibility for any of the damage. About this time, Bob Murray (Durham) was looking at Squires for sale and he contacted Eleanor and purchased what was left of a beautiful Squire. What a sad story - but it will have a happy ending because Bob Murray plans a ground-up restoration.

Eleanor Wade had to accept thousands of dollars less than her vehicle should have brought because of a dealer's duplicity and her lack of knowledge of a properly executed consignment agreement. However, I did not detail all this just to tell you a sad story but to point out that you can really get burned in a resale situation where you are in territory you are not completely familiar with. There is nothing wrong with selling your car on a consignment basis thru a reputable specialty car dealer who agrees, in writing, to accept responsibility for the care and safety of your vehicle while it's in his possession. A classic like our Squires should also be consigned to an INDOOR display area where possible. Another good possibility for selling your Squire SS-100 is thru a photo ad in a national automotive resale publication like Hemmings Motor News or Deals On Wheels. These ads are modestly expensive but you usually get it back in the resale price. That, my friends, is the lecture for this month. Nuff said!

I wrote to Bayless, Inc. in Marietta, GA and asked for an exploded view diagram of the Fiat 600 steering column and what they sent me was so vague that I wrote back and asked for a better diagram of the electrics. They replied by post card and both are shown as Page 3 of this letter. If you have trouble installing a new switch you might call Members Warren Hagen in Florida or Bill Lieske in Ariz. They have each repaired theirs and should be able to help you.

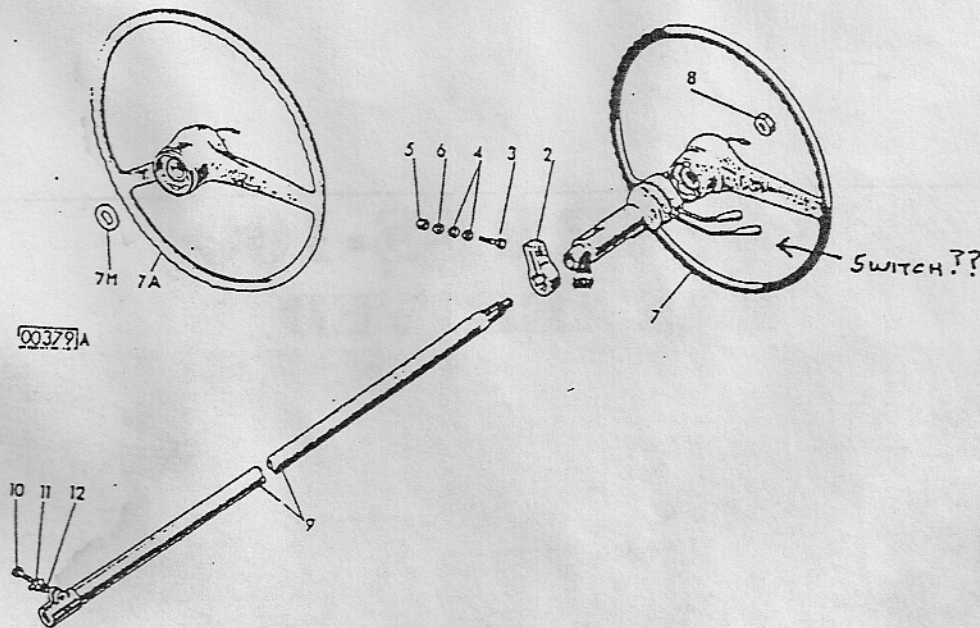
Fun stuff!! For years I have wanted to attend the Import, Kit & Replica Sports Car Show held each Spring at Carlisle, PA and this time I AM. This years show is on May 13, 14 & 15th. and I will fly to D.C. and drive over with Member Lee Craft where we will meet up with Member Bob Murray who is driving up from North Carolina. And members Michael Lindgren and Mark Offenbergs say they will also do their best to attend. Anyone else care to join us?

Last, another of Member Dave Kaufman's original Squire SS-100 sales ads, this one from Hemmings Motor News (July 1975). Please note that Sexy has been capitalized. Shame on you, David.

Next month will include the completion of Bill Lieske's "Saga Of Squire #11044545" and other good stuff that I have been working on.

Del Stahl

FIAT 600 STEERING COLUMN



PLEASE RETURN THIS CARD WITH YOUR REPLY!

The parts in question are Fiat 600 steering column switch

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We will continue to attempt authorization for 30 days unless otherwise notified.

This part is only available as the complete part. The steering
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shown clearly in the parts breakdown, only vague outlines.

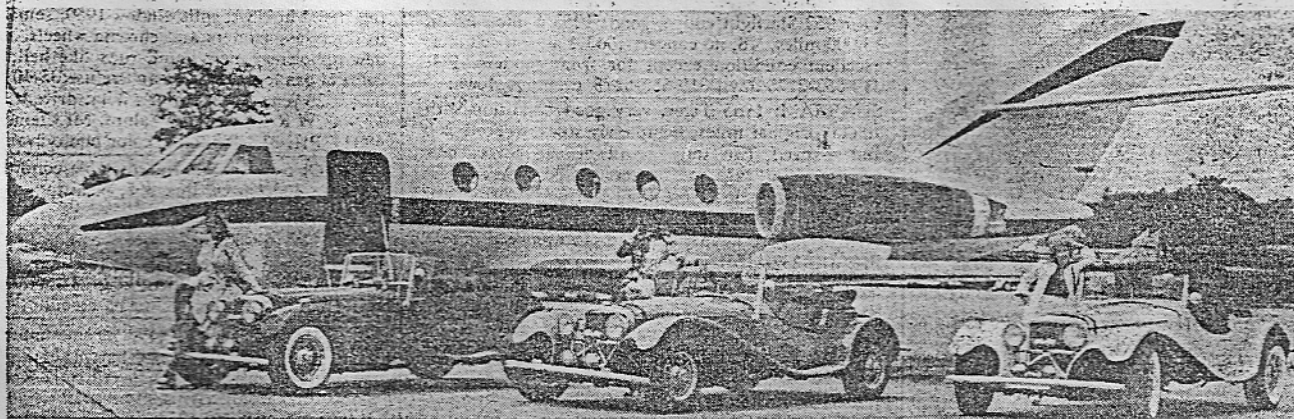
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