

Squire SS-100 Registry

CLBCOM 70

OCTOBER, 1996

CHASSIS #10 IS LOCATED

It's been a long time since we were able to report the location of one of the missing Squire SS-100s but months of searching with letters and phone calls has finally paid off. Please meet:

Danny & Mary Lou Edmands - 19702 Longmeadow Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742 - Home: Area 301+797-6121

Their car is 11010525, yellow with black fenders and an automatic transmission. Danny says there is 27,000 on the odometer but he also said the speedometer says 120 MPH when he knows he's only doing 65 so no doubt the odometer is also in error.

The really interesting part of this story is the fact that I had written to the Virginia DMV, giving them a list of our missing VIN numbers. They responded with a note that they had transferred the title for #10 to Longmeadow Exxon, a gas station in Hagerstown, MD. I picked up the phone and called the station, getting the owner who confirmed that he had a Squire but sold it. (Ah jeeez, not again) He said some gal from Virginia had come in with a list of work to be done on her Squire and she would pick it up later. After two years she had not returned so he filed for a mechanics lien and secured the title from VA. He then sold the Squire to a real estate lady in Hagerstown and she had resold it. (Will this never end!) Then he said the magic words. "BUT, I know who has it now, another customer of mine who lives right down the street". He gave me the Edmands name and phone number and I called them.

Mary Lou answered the phone and after introducing myself I said "I understand you have a Squire SS-100" and she said "Yes, it's a kit car". I replied "No, it's not" and gave her a thumbnail sketch of the Squire history. She seemed astonished and said "My husband will be home in half an hour. Let me have him call you back". He did and then I heard the really surprising part of the story. Mary Lou and their son were out for a neighborhood walk and they spotted the Squire at a yard sale sponsored by the before mentioned real estate lady. She was selling it because it wouldn't start. Mary Lou walked home and got Danny, he walked back and bought the car, spent 15 minutes starting it and drove it home. How's that for a Squire story. The Edmands have had the Squire about a year now and really enjoy driving it, especially Mary Lou. Danny, who is in his fifties and a long-distance truck driver, said their Squire has a rosewood dash and a unique hand brake that locks up the driveshaft.

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He mentioned that he was having a problem with the car "bottoming-out" that he solved by installing coil springs between the frame and rear leaf springs. I have asked him for photos of both the car and this spring arrangement that I'll publish after receipt. I hope you members that travel to the Carlisle import car show next Spring will plan to meet with the Edmands.

STOP THE PRESSES!!!

Hot Damn! I've always wanted to say that.

CHASSIS #29 IS LOCATED

In 1991 I managed to get hold of a registration list that has helped us locate many of the "lost" Squires. On that list was one Robbie Deane Barrino of Clinton, MD. Many, many letters and phone calls later I learned that Barrino was a typo, it was in fact R.D. Barrino. I started all over and chased him through a half dozen addresses in three States. (Please keep in mind that with each disappointing return I gave up in disgust and waited a few months before starting the search again). When I figured I'd run out my string I called an outfit in St. Louis called "Find People Fast", gave them my credit card number and what facts I had accumulated on Mr Barrino. They promptly called me back and said Robbie Deane had died of a brain tumor on January 5, 1993. They did give me his SS# and last known address. That was two years ago and once again, I just gave up.

Last month I attended a Marine Corps reunion in San Francisco and spent a little time talking to the fellow that's been responsible for locating many of the members of my old unit. I mentioned some of my frustrations and he informed me that if I had an individual's SS# I could write to the estate, put it in a stamped, unsealed envelope and send it to the Social Security Admn. in Baltimore, asking that they address and mail it to the estate. When I returned home I did just that but at that time realized that I had never written to Mr Barrino's last known address in Washington, D.C. Figuring, what the hell, it's just another thirty two cents wasted, I wrote a short note with my name and address and mailed that also.

This morning (10-14-96) I got an excited phone call from Jerrald Barrino, Robbie's brother. He said yet another brother is still at the DC address and had called him about my letter. So, please meet: Jerry & Beverly Barrino - 1013 Sherrick Road
Canton, Ohio 44707 - Home: 330+456-3845

This Squire is VIN# 11029525, white with a manual tranny. Jerry said that when his brother knew he was not going to make it he called him to say that he wanted Jerry to have the car and to "Hang onto it, it's going to be worth a good deal of money some day". I guess this is kind of a sad news - good news story in that we've lost Robbie but located Jerry and Chassis # 29. (Continued)

With the assistance of many of the members we have now managed to locate forty one of the fifty Squires SS-100s manufactured in Italy all those many years ago. That's an 82% recovery rate and not at all bad for a bunch of amateurs.

WIRE WHEEL KNOCK-OFF WRENCH

that was mentioned in CLBCOM 69 is still a valid offer but the price is higher for a very good reason. Greg Whitney called me to say that he had used one of Jim Dimond's octagon lugs to make the pattern but when he checked the finished wrench on four other lugs it was too tight. Our best guess is that the lugs were sand cast of naval brass and then hand finished before plating. The result is that none of them are exactly the same size and this results in a lot of hand finishing to enlarge the wrench to an acceptable over size, a lot of work on 3/8" hardened steel plate. Greg has raised the cost by \$15.00 to a delivered price of \$45.00.

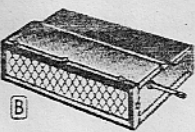
SQUIRE COCKPIT HEATER

is the next item up for discussion. In earlier newsletters I had mentioned that most of us in the West had replaced the space wasting OEM heater with an approximate one cubic foot sized unit from J.C. Whitney mail order in Chicago. This replacement heater mounts on the firewall and allows complete access to the wiring and other items behind the dashboard. When Jim Dimond's Squire arrived in Phoenix from New York he took one look under the dash and ordered a new heater from Chicago at a delivered cost of \$150.00. Less than a month after it arrived he attended an automotive swap meet and found one just like it in new condition. Figuring someone would want it he picked it up and will sell it at his cost, \$55.00 delivered to you. Contact Jim at 3332 W. Topeka Dr. - Phoenix 85023 or call him at Area 602+581-9892 evenings or weekends. First caller or letter takes it. Description is listed below.

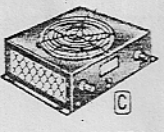
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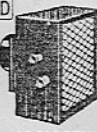
A
13,000 or 25,000 BTU



B
33,000 BTU



C
13,000 or 21,700 BTU



D
12,500 BTU

Efficient—uses warm engine coolant to heat vehicle as you drive (requires 5/8" heater hose—not included, see index). Easy to install—some drilling, cutting required. Instructions included. Order installation kit below at right.

A Heaters for cars, trucks. Copper "Hi-Temp" core plus fan with powerful 2-speed motor provide streams of heated air. Air enters top of heater and exits through adjustable doors (2 on sides, one in front). Black painted housing. Defroster fitting kit available—order below.

13,000 BTU. 6" diam. 4-blade fan. 150 CFM. Overall: 7-1/4" wide, 7-1/4" high, 7-1/4" deep.

13NB6146P—12V/1.5 amp. Each **\$136.99**

13NB6147Y—24V/0.75 amp. Each **149.99**

Heavy-duty 25,000 BTU. Ideal for larger cars, trucks. 7" diam. 6-blade fan. 250 CFM. Overall: 8-1/4" wide, 8-1/4" high, 8-1/4" deep.

13NB6148W—12V/1.5 amp. Each **\$159.99**

Defroster Kit (not shown) for heaters above. Includes hoses & hardware to provide windshield defrost.

15NB9620R—1-Kit **\$44.99**

B **33,000 BTU Heaters for vans, buses, trucks.** Copper and aluminum core (250 CFM) for long life, greater efficiency. Two 3-1/2" blower wheels with heavy-duty motor provide maximum heat output. 275 CFM. Air enters rear of heater and exits through front. 10-1/2" high.

13NB6149U—12V/8.5 amp. Each **\$184.99**

13NB6150B—24V/4.25 amp. Each **204.99**

C **13,000 BTU Under-seat Heater for all cars.** Also great as auxiliary unit in van, wagons, small buses, delivery trucks. Two heater cores (each 1-3/4" 6" x 3") and 6" diam. 4-blade fan (200 CFM) send heat to front and rear seats. Air enters center of heater and exits through sides. Overall: 8-1/2" wide, 5-1/4" high, 12-1/2" deep. Heavy-duty 2-speed motor. 12V/2.4 amp.

13NB6151P—Each **\$184.99**

21,700 BTU Under-seat heater (not shown). Fan circulates 210 CFM of air through side vents. Overall: 11-1/2" wide, 4-3/4" high, 11-1/2" deep. 12V.

12NB8196U—Each **\$189.99**

D **12,500 BTU Heaters for vans, buses, trucks.** 2-speed blower motor. 110 CFM. Black painted finish. Compact: 7" wide, 7" high, 7" deep.

81NB3000—12V/1.5 amp. Each **\$119.99**

81NB3001X—24V/0.75 amp. Each **134.99**

Installation Kit (not shown) for heaters above & at left. Includes remote water valve, 8" push/pull cable, 2 universal hose connectors, 5/8" hose clamps, 2-speed dash switch and wire connectors.

15NB9611Y—1-Kit **\$59.99**

LONG ISLAND RESIDENTS

now have a place to go when your Squire acts up. In addition to being an expert mechanic who has done extensive mechanical repair on a number of Squire's, Ron Langdon has also handled some really good cosmetic additions to a few more. Call Langdon's Automotive - 57 Hanse Ave. - Freeport, NY 11520 - Area 516+ 377-3738. Tell him "Art sent me".

RAMBLINGS

From various automotive publications I have picked up these items:

Dante Giacosa, the designer of the legendary Fiat 500 & 600 died in Italy recently. His designs were dubbed Topolino, Italian for Mickey Mouse, and I guess he's responsible for the steering column, rear suspension and wiring on our Squire's. That says it all, huh!

Triple A reports that motorists are wasting an estimated 1.7 billion a year buying premium gas. Many drivers are falling for the "octane myth" in gas ads and AAA states that only vehicles with high performance engines need it. Per AAA "Contrary to popular opinion, premium gas does not provide more power, burn more cleanly, reduce engine wear or improve mileage". I knew that!

From Tom & Ray Magliozzi's Click & Clack column, a reader writes, " Why does brake fluid turn black when it's put in clear"? They respond "The rubber seals in the master cylinder & wheel cylinders deteriorate over time and that deteriorated rubber is what makes your brake fluid turn dark. We suggest a brake-fluid change every 30,000 miles". These guys kid around but their advice is good.

STANDARD TIME

is back with us and for those of you that call me, Arizona, who does not observe Daylight Savings Time, is back on MST. We're two hours behind EDT and one ahead of PDT. Confusing, huh?

JOKE OF THE MONTH

The British don't make computers because they can't design one that leaks oil.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

Suicide is the most sincere form of self criticism.

MORE NEXT MONTH.

