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Squire SS-100 Registry

THE SQUIRE SS-100 MERRY-GO-ROUND

The old newsletters will bear out the fact that when I bought my Squire SS-100 more than ten years ago it had an Arkansas title that said its official name was a 1980 Reliable Roadster. Dozens of letters and phone calls led me to believe that what I had purchased was a stolen car that had an Oklahoma assigned title and VIN so I quietly dropped the search but that did not quench my thirst to find out what I really had. All I knew for sure was that it was not a kit-car.

More research letters, one of them a "Letter To The Editor" of Hemming's magazine included a photo of my car. That got me a two hour phone call from Ed Spielman in Los Angeles and another neat guy named Tim Sharon in Pasadena. They made me aware of John Fulton in Dallas and Rick Pompilii in Philadelphia. It also helped me track down Intermeccanica who had relocated to Vancouver, BC.

Ten years later we have managed to build a nationally recognized automotive Registry, locate the majority of the Squires made so long ago, hook up with a national Intermeccanica owners group recently started by two enthusiasts named John Wilkens and Tim Marriott and in the process, discover a collection of really interesting people who happen to own Squire SS-100s.

Somewhere along the way another accomplishment is the fact that many Squires that had been stored for years were rolled out and refurbished, increasing their value and enjoyment considerably. All this activity has triggered the most recent round of resales that's almost too complicated for me to follow but I'll do my best to explain as follows:

BOB MURRAY - DURHAM, NC

Many years ago Bob, an avid car collector, owned Chassis #39 but traded it off in a five car swap. (That chassis is now owned by Registry Member Lee Craft of Annapolis, MD). Seven years ago, while attending the Carlisle (PA) Car Show, Bob bought Chassis #8 which was just one step away from the boneyard. He had it hauled back to Durham and it's been sitting in a shed ever since.

BILL SIMMS - BULLHEAD CITY, AZ

Bill called me about five years ago from his then home in Estell Springs, TN. He had seen my name in a magazine and called to say he knew of two Squires in Tullahoma, TN owned by Bill Freeman, numbers 11 & 34. Simms decided he'd like to own one so I put him in touch with the estate of Warren Hagen who had just passed away. Warren had owned Chassis #7 and Bill purchased it and hauled it home. Working space, illness and a desire to relocate to Arizona prompted Bill to sell the car to Member Jerry Miltenberger of Elkhart, IN.

Once relocated in Arizona Bill again had an urge for another Squire so he purchased the Larry Knight Chassis # 42 out of Ocala, FL and had it delivered to the writer for some frame modifications before he took final delivery. On arrival in Phoenix, it was discovered that the many years of just sitting outside in Florida had caused some extensive frame rust that rendered the car unsafe to drive. We had a very unhappy Mr Simms attending the recent Spring Fling in Laughlin, Nevada. He had neither the skills, tools or space to build a new frame or the cash to have it done professionally, plus the fact that he wanted a Squire to drive right now.

SID WEAVER - LOS ALAMOS, NM

Sid is a very active member who has been instrumental in the adaption of electronic ignition, power steering and disc brakes to our Squires. He had seen an article about my Squire SS-100 in a magazine years ago and called me for more information. I put him in touch with Tim Sharon in Los Angeles and he purchased Chassis # 20 from Tim. Sid bought a car that was in very good shape and after six years had it almost perfect both cosmetically and mechanically. Alas, he had simply run out of things to do and needed a project. So, he called Simms and they arranged to swap cars with a cash consideration. Sid has already made the round trip and is well on the way with the body-off restoration, a very major project

PAUL HELMICK - ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Paul is Sid Weaver's step-son and another car lover. He has been joining us in our Western Squire SS-100 activities with Sid for the past five years and when he saw nine Squires lined up in a row at the Eagle Ranch last month he said "I've just gotta have one of those". He huddled with Bob Murray about the purchase of Chassis #8 and they struck a deal. Paul will take delivery of that car in the very near future so we welcome Paul & Janet Helmick of Tijeras, NM who are now official members of the Squire SS-100 Registry.

EDITORS NOTE

It is men like Sid Weaver and Paul Helmick, who are willing to take on major mechanical challenges like this, that will keep our Registry alive for a very long time. We'll look forward to the time when they drive these two Squires to some upcoming event.

SQUIRE SS-100 REGISTRY ROSTER

All the ownership changes + the fact that the explosive growth of Phoenix has split the city into three area codes has prompted me to issue an updated roster. Please inform me of any errors.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

Never squat with your spurs on!