

# Older She Gets, The More They Love 'Tin Lizzie'

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The coming of spring to a select few Birmingham residents meant that the garage would soon be warm enough to work in.

To 32 Birmingham area antique and veteran car collectors and members of the Veteran them on the move again. Motor club of America, it mount DUANE L. BOHNSTEDT, 408 West Sunnybrook, Royal Oak, 10

president of the Veteran car club which meets the second Tuesday each month at the Birmingham community house.

How do you find these delightful old veteran cars? It appears one must have the instincts of a first class detective and the nose of a bloodhound. Here's Bohnstedt's story of how he found his rare: "The antique car bug first bit us in 1950 while we were living in California, but it was May 1951 before we actually owned an antique car.

"ONLY ONE who has spent

"ON A FARM near DeWitt, Neb.-ka, we found our 1914 Ford. The owner, A. H. Tobaben, had pur-

chased the car new in September 1914. He produced as proof a "Nebraska application and receipt for registration of motor vehicle" as well as the actual registration entitling him to "operate one Ford motor vehicle on the highways of Nebraska."

He was unable to locate the papers transmitting the title register from the Ford Motor company but he did find a picture, showing the car as it was when new. "The car had been driven regularly until 1946 when he put it on blocks. Tobaben said it was very good for pulling a trailer-load of hogs to market as it plowed mud much better than the Model "A" he was driving at the time.

"LATER, we were to understand that problem of mud roads. "Farmer Tobaben lives a mile and a half from surfaced roads and the next day after we bought the Ford, it began to rain. For three days, it poured.

Our anxiety increased as the flood-level of the Big Blue River rose, for that river flows less than a quarter mile behind the barn which sheltered the "T".

"FINALLY, on the third day the rains stopped, and although the roads were impassable (even for a Model "T"), I drove as far as I could and waded in on my last rest of the way, carrying a gallon of gas and a tire pump.

My worries were relieved and my efforts rewarded. The river was out of its banks but had not reached the barn. The tires held air and the engine started on the magnets—after five years.

"The next afternoon, we went out to bring the "T" back to Beattie, a distance of some eighteen miles to where we now stay."

"OUR FRIENDLY farmer endeavored to assist us when he cautioned that we must be careful if we towed it so that we didn't bend the axle. He held air and the engine started on the magnets—after five years.

"I insisted on starting the engine and driving it, under its own power, into town.

It started immediately, and with my cap turned backwards, I breezed along at a generous clip, honking the bulb horn and startling the road crews who were trying to smooth the ruts in the gravelled road.

"INVESTIGATION revealed the car was complete except for a speedometer cable. The spring shackles were nearly worn through, and when estimated he had driven the car 100,000 miles.

"When the speedometer quit functioning, it showed 40,000 miles. The lamps, ton boxes with wipers of a ton, bulb horn and other parts, which are often missing, were all intact.

"The plate glass windshield and rear view mirror were without a chip or a crack. Thanks to the rats, not much was left of the upholstery, but under the rear seat, we found a bonus—an oil can and a tire patching kit, both bearing the Ford trademark.

"DURING the summer of 1952, we brought the car back to Detroit and began the restoration. The car was completely disassembled and rebuilt.

Original parts to replace the worn parts were ordered from all parts stores in the United States and the spokes for the wire wheels, which will replace the wooden wheels that came on the car, were bought in London, England.

When parts were not available, I reworked other parts or made new ones.

EXCEPT FOR the polishing of the block, I accomplished all the restoration work myself, which includes rebuilding the radiator, up-

holstering the interior, painting the exterior and reconditioning all mechanical parts."

Phew! Lots of work? It has taken Bohnstedt eight years of work in what he calls "my leisure hours" to complete the restoration. He hopes to bring the "T" on her maiden run in June when the Birmingham chapter of the Veteran Motor club holds its first meet of the season.

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