

Alan Miller - 1951 Mark V Drophead

I reside in Waikerie in the Riverland of SA. I am a retired GP having been in practice in Waikerie for 32 years prior to retiring 5 years ago.

My interest in old vehicles began when I was a teenager living in Casterton, Victoria.

At age 16 I purchased a 1949 350 BSA motorcycle. With the help of my father, we restored the bike, which I still own. This sparked a family interest in restoration and about a year later my father purchased a barn-find Bristol 400 coupe. Over several years we have worked on the car and I now have it in good running order. My wife, Hilary, and I attend the Bristol Owners Club events in the car, including events interstate.

When I was 21 and attending University in Melbourne I purchased a 1962 Alfa Romeo 2600 sprint. It was in poor running order. I worked on and drove



This photo is of a one-off Australian made Hunter pics mint motorcycle which Alan has owned for many years. Details on Shannon's website.

the car for many years as my daily transport. The car has now been fully restored and I have it in good order, driving it occasionally.

Over the years I have purchased many old English motorcycles now numbering 17. The cars I have include a Datsun 1964 2000 Fairlady Sports.



This photo shows a number of Alan's restored motor bikes and the Alfa Romeo 2600 sprint.

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I have also inherited my mother's Mercedes 1960 220 SE.

In December 2020 I purchased a 1951 Jaguar Mark V Drop Head Coupe from Peter Ekberg, a dealer in Melbourne. The car was complete and running having been restored many years ago. It had recent rust removal performed. I trailered the car to Waikerie and have repaired the car as required, including painting the rust repair, having some panels repainted, gauges repaired, the block cleaned (because of overheating problems) and a Davies Craig pump fitted to the bottom radiator hose. The car had been re-upholstered in Vinyl previously and some upholstery repairs performed. The car has been detailed and tuned and now is in good running condition. The car was originally black but has been repainted in Old English White.



This photo shows Alan's Mercedes 220 s and the Datsun sports.



Alan Miller, 1951 Mark V Jaguar drophead coupe,

As I am now a member of the Jaguar Drivers Club, I hope to participate in the Jaguar National Rally Display Day at the National motor Museum in April this year.

Mark V History.

The history of the car is incomplete but includes the following: -

- The car was originally purchased in May 1951 by Theo Trautwein Reg AAA 243 in NSW.
- 1974 Denis Jaffa from Dover Heights
- Duncan Wynham
- 1977 Barry Cummins from Coffs Harbour
- 1979 Ian Griggs from Castle Hill
- 1982 sold at Pickles auctions, Reg MKV 566 NSW
- 1988 Ian Moore
- 2001 Clive Ellis from Toowoomba and Newtown Qld Reg SSJ 47
- 2020 From David Ekberg Melbourne Reg YB 616 Vic.

Regards
Alan Miller.

Editor: Thank you Alan. I do hope you make it to the National Rally as I know fellow 'pushrod' members would love to see the car.