

Andrew & Julia Dalton - 1958 3.4 Mk1 and 1959 Mk2

Andrew and I have been passionate about Jaguar/Daimler cars for 24 years. In this time, we have owned 28, nine being MK1's, which I confess, is my favourite.

Not all these cars were on the road. Some were purchased for parts, and some were for restorations that never got off the ground and sold to enthusiasts. We have only owned one modern Jaguar, that being a 1999 V8 S-Type. It was a lovely car to drive, nice to look at, but to be honest, we enjoy the older cars more.

We live in Tasmania, a state where Jaguars are plentiful, old and new. Our collection currently sits at two.

A 1958 3.4 Mk1 manual with overdrive named Fox, which is a fully matching numbered, Australian delivered car; and a 1959 2.4 auto Mk2 which is now a slightly warm 3.8 with a four-speed all synchro gearbox named Miss Moneypenny.

The reference is not so much James Bond influenced, but rather the money spent to make her beautiful!

The MK2 is chassis number three in the 2.4 range, and every change we have made is bolt on. The original 2.4 engine has been retained and maintained on an engine stand should we ever wish to convert it back to original.

The car has extensive history, with many receipts. Being Australian delivered and



spending time in outer Queensland it fared well rust wise and was an easy restoration. It is Cotswold Blue with grey interior from the factory.

We left the repaint, rust repairs, fitment of the new headlining, and new front screen with new rubbers front and rear to the professionals, but did the rest ourselves. All body rubbers were replaced, along with some lenses, a new stainless exhaust, new door cards and carpet with soundproofing etc, so a lot

of our heart and soul has gone into this car over the past four years.

Andrew also rebuilt the front end and replaced the springs for 3.8 ones, and all the shocks. I sourced the parts, and held screwdrivers!

The only downside to this of course is that we have spent more time working on cars, than driving them! There are still a few jobs we could do, but the car is not intended to chase trophies.



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The Mk1 has great history which I will share with you all in a future edition. The colour is as it came from the factory, although it has been resprayed in the early 90s. The car needs a refresh and we are slowly doing bits and pieces. It's an honest car which will sit about for months and then start first pop at the touch of a button.

We look forward to bringing the cars across on the Spirit of Tasmania to join in on some of your fantastic club outings. We also enjoy reading the monthly club magazine, always full of interesting articles and lovely photos.

Cheers for now,

Andrew & Julia Dalton – Tas.

Editor: Andrew & Julia live in Tasmania, but recently joined our club. Thank you very much for your story, and hope to see you and your cars in the future.

