

New Members Story - Jeff and Debb Schiller

I grew up and resided in Loxton, in the Riverland for most of my life, working in various roles, including 30 years management and maintenance at the Loxton Historical Village (LHV).

I became interested in historical vehicles during my time at the LHV when I assisted the Village volunteers in the restoration of numerous projects including the rebuild and restoration of a 1912 Dennis truck which had been donated to the Village after being totally dismantled. It was like putting together a big jigsaw puzzle with no picture or instructions!

In July 2020 following my retirement, my wife Debb and I moved to Murray Bridge so she could continue to pursue her career.

Moving to a different town and with plenty of time on my hands meant meeting new people and finding new interests which is what prompted me to source and purchase my first classic car. First classic car may not be quite accurate, as I already owned a 1985 Nissan Patrol LWB 3.3 litre diesel which I purchased in 1987 and have just recently sold.

A Jaguar was my dream as I had always admired their class and style. After some searching, I found a Series 1 1969 XJ6, ruby in colour which was within



our budget and in reasonable condition at Collectible Classics in Strathalbyn, and so began a new hobby.

I know little of the car's history other than one of the previous owners was a GP from Strathalbyn.

Since purchasing the car, I have spent countless hours fixing all those annoying little things like door locks that would not work, sagging, nonadjustable seats, replacing window seals and interior lights and reattaching interior linings.

Due to some recent health issues, I have outsourced various bigger projects

including a new manifold, replacing a rusted fuel tank, replacing ball joints and the list goes on until finally the car is reliable and runs well.

Debb and I are currently active members of the Murray Bridge Auto Collectors Club and have spent many enjoyable hours participating in club events.

We have also enjoyed participating in the 2023 Copper Coast Cavalcade and the 2024 All British Day and look forward to joining in events with JDCSA.

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