

John & Debbie Goddard - 1954 XK120

My interest in cars goes back to when I was quite young. In my teenage years my librarian sister would bring home car magazines for me to read.

It wasn't till my late forties that I used an inheritance to buy our first classic car, a 1934 Plymouth Roadster.

A few years after, we bought our 1968 Series 5 Sunbeam Alpine.

Both cars were bought as runners but we have still done many improvements on them.

We are members of both the Chrysler Restorers and Sunbeam Car Owners clubs.

Debbie and I like to wear period costumes and won the Fashion in the Field at the 2015 Bay to Birdwood.

The most recent car which requires restoration is a 1954 XK120 Jaguar Fixed Head Coupe. It came to Australia in 1989 from California. The previous owner started work on the car, but it has sat stalled for many years. The Jag is a retirement project for me.

John

Editor: Thank you, John & Debbie for your story and photographs. You will be able to get lots of help with your XK120 from the Register. Plenty of experience there with lots of individual restorations.

