

Bryan Powers

- What got first interested in this car/cars?

*I wanted to have a classic convertible to cruise around in, so I started looking through a book that listed every car made from the 1940s through the 1980s. I saw a picture of the **1965 T-Bird convertible** and that's what I had to have. I searched for over a year, going to shows and swap meets. Finally I came across one at an auction at Texas Motor Speedway. It came up on the block, and soon went past the price I wanted to pay. When the bidding slowed down, my friends who attended with me asked if I was going to bid. I told them it was too much, and one of them said who knows when you'll have another chance at one. I raised my hand which excited the auctioneers as there was new blood in the game. I was over bid, and when the auctioneer looked at me to bid again, much to his surprise, I shook my head no. I was already over my limit. At least I could say I bid. The gavel went down and was sold. About 10 minutes later, one of the auctioneers came over to me and asked if I was still interested in the car, as there may be a problem with the other bidder. I told him yes, as long as it's at my last price. He went off to check into it and came back and told me the car is mine if I still wanted it. Since I wasn't really prepared to take ownership of a car, I had to drive it, as is, to my house in McKinney. It ran fairly well except the brake pedal would not return up. All the way home I had to put my foot underneath the pedal and pull the brake off, but at least I had my car.*



2- Where did you find this car? **Bought it at an action at Texas Motor Speedway**

3- Shape was it in when you purchased it? Fairly good shape. Interior was in great shape except for the carpet on the doors, which I replaced. Engine was running rough. I rebuilt that about 3 years ago. Just completed rebuilding the front end suspension.

4- Bio, I grew up in the mid-west (Illinois & Iowa). Graduating from the University of Iowa in 1987 with a B.S. in Computer Science, I moved to St. Louis as a Software Engineer. I worked as a Software Engineer until 1996 when I took a Sales Engineering position with Newbridge Networks selling telecommunications products. I took a promotion in 1999 which brought me to McKinney. Currently I work for Ciena Communications as an Account Director selling telecommunications products. My wife's name is Kelly, and we have 2 kids, Haley 14, and Austin, 11.

5- Car specs:

1- engine, 390 V-8

2- trans, Ford Cruise-O-Matic (automatic)