

Lee and Billie Myrben

Bio- I was born in Ashland Wisconsin and raised in Duluth Minnesota until I was 15 years old. Billie was born in Denver Colorado . Our family moved to Denver where I met Billie in high school in 1953 and we started to go together. That is when I really started to get involved in cars. I purchased my first car at that time for \$125 which was a 1939 Olds business coupe which I painted a forest green and installed fender skirts. A year later, I found a 1941 Ford Sedan which I proceeded to modify and painted a light blue. I kept this car until after graduation from high school and joined the Navy.

In November 1956, Billie and I got married and started out with a 1950 Ford Sedan. We have had many cars since then, 51, 52, 56, 61 Fords, in addition Mercury's, etc. Along the way, we had three children, boy and two girls.

I spent over 20 years in the Navy and made many deployments overseas. In addition, I obtained an MBA in business and retired as a Director for a company in San Diego , CA . In San Diego we belonged to a car club called Monday Night Car Club where I had two 1968 Cougars that I restored.

We moved to Frisco , Texas in 2003 and I brought one of the Cougars with us.

About two years ago, we ran across the 1980 Shay 29 Model A Rumble Seat Roadster that was built by Shay Motor Company. Shay had a deal with Ford to reproduce the 29 roadster. Ford provided the chassis, engines, transmission and waived patents and sold the cars in Ford and Lincoln-Mercury Dealerships. Ford backed the car with a factory warranty. The Roadster was build from August 1979-March 1982 when Harry Shay had to shut down due to cash flow problems and heavy interest payments on loans. There are only about 439 registered Shay owners.



Our Shay has less then 8000 miles on the whole car. It has the 2.3 liter, four cylinder Ford engine, Ford four speed transmission, 12 volt system, windshield wipers, under seat heater, turn signals and Ah-ooga horn. The suspension is the same as the 1980 Ford Pinto built at that time.

We started to make some modifications to make it into a 29 Model A street rod. However, we also wanted to have the capabilities to convert it back to its original configuration. Therefore, I had the chrome rims built so it could be interchangeable using the four lug pattern.

We also have headers to install and plan on upgrading the top. Somewhere down the line we will upgrade the seats. Currently they are in excellent condition as well as the whole car.

Currently the car is worth about 15-20K.