
Blue on Blue by Terry Brim

Most of us are old enough to remember the old Bobby Vinton song "Blue on Blue.....I'll never get use to losing you". But such is not the case with Jack Kerr.

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cars, but Jack remembers his dad telling him the story of his first car and how he wished he would have kept it...maybe that's why Jack still owns the 442. To be honest, Jack's first car was a 68' Camaro that his dad bought him during his

nically, the 442 was HIS first car.

Jack is the second owner of the 442 and relates a story that last summer he drove the car to an Oldsmobile show and a guy came up to him out of the blue and asked Jack if he had bought the car from a fellow here in Dayton. After telling the guy that he did, he asked Jack if he remembered the guy's name, Jack said yeah, his name was Jim Odda and the guy replied "I'm Jim Odda! After almost 25 years, The guy was amazed that Jack still owned the car.

So how did Jack get into

Corvette's you ask? Turns out that Jack had a buddy in high school (Tom) who's dad (Paul) was into Corvettes big time. Paul was a member of Corvette of Troy, one of the early Corvette Clubs in the Dayton area. At one time according to Jack, Paul owned 7 Corvettes. Jack says the first



Vette Paul bought was exactly like the one he currently owns, a Blue 66' Big Block roadster.

Seems as how Paul got into racing with the 66' and eventually started moving up in the racing classes modifying the engine as he



went along. Jack says it

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Jack's first car was a beautiful Blue 71' Olds 442.

That was in 1974, Jack was a senior in high school not quite into Corvettes just yet.

Going back to his childhood, Jack's dad was not into

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was one fast 427 Vette.

As luck would have it, Paul would let Tom and Jack drive the car on the week-ends...one lucky kid!

One weekend, Jack and his buddy Tom took the car to Southland 75 Drive-In movie theater.

While there, like all kids, they had a "few beers" while watching the movie. After the drive in, they decided to go to Friches to grab a bite to eat, This time however, Jack was behind the wheel of the 66' as his buddy had a few too many as Jack puts it.

While sitting at Frisch's, Jack says a guy in a black 69' Chevelle SS pulls in next to them and of course starts running his mouth. Jack said Tom feeling pretty loose by then wasted no time jawing back at the guy. Next thing Jack knew, his buddy had him in drag race!

Jack's first thought is God, If Tom's dad finds out we're racing his Corvette, he's

going to kill us! Tom's response to Jack was "yeah, we're going to shut this guy up, do you think you can handle it?"

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Tom in the 66' Vette went out somewhere between Centerville and Waynes-

ville to a long stretch of road. Jack said they lined them up and he just smoked the guy driving the 69' SS. That's the night Jack decided man, I gotta have one of these! In addition, Jack says that he also got to drive the 66' Vette around the Indy 500 race track....WOW! What an experience that must have been.

Tom found his current Blue/Blue 66 in 1991 in Cincinnati. Jack and another buddy, Andy spent about 5 years doing a full body-off restoration on the 66' finishing it about 5-6 years ago. The car is in it's original Nassau Blue color with a blue interior. It still

has the original drive train complete with the 427 BB and 4-speed tranny.



Jack also has a 67' roadster that he bought in 1997. Jack and Andy are doing a body-off restoration.

The chassis is currently sitting in Jack's garage and the body is at his buddy's.

Unfortunately, college has kinda got in the middle of the 67' restoration however...we all understand that one. Jack has two in college now with a third one starting next year .



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Sounds as if it may be awhile before we see the 67' on the road. The 67' is Big Block 400hp tri-power roadster Silver/Black. According to Jack, the 67' is almost a typical barn find story.

While they were restoring the 66' Jack got a call from Andy one night and said that he had got a call from a mutual friend Ronnie and that Ronnie's cousin Jim had a Corvette that he wanted to get rid of. Jim had started working on it, but didn't want to finish it. Jack asked what it was, but Andy didn't know but said he was going out there tonight and did Jack want to ride along and see what he's got?

The guy lived out by Germantown in the country and when Jack got there, the guy wasn't home from work yet, but his wife said the car was out in the "schoolhouse" and they could go take a look at it. There sat the car with the Big Block hood and hardtop, but the body had been off

the frame but was just sitting on it now. The parts were laying around, however as they started looking at the parts, everything they saw had the right numbers for the car, but the car had no motor.

when he got it home and started taking all the parts out of the car that the guy had stored inside it, he opened up the glove box and there was the original owners manual complete with the original protector plate....A true barn find!

About that time Jim came home and when Jack asked him if he had the motor, he said yeah it was at his brothers,

they had just finished rebuilding it. After checking out the motor, Jack asked what he wanted for the car, \$13,500, Jack said he'd be there the next day to pick it!...That was in 1997.

When I was doing the interview with Jack for this article, almost as an after thought, Jack told me a couple of other interesting stories about the car. As Jack was leaving, Jim said "just so you know, I never titled the car". The name on the title still showed the second owners name so technically Jack was only the third owner of the car. The other interesting thing about the car was that when Jack got

it home and started taking all the parts out of the car that Jim had stored inside it, he opened up the glove box and there was the original owners manual complete with the original Protector Plate....A true barn find!

Jack says one of these days, he'll get back to restoring the 67'. When completed, if the restoration on the 67' is anything like the



blue on blue 66', it will be absolutely stunning.