

GSM Car Club – Dart Histories

Chassis	Owner	Address	Tel No.	Original Colour	Present Colour	Condition in %
5808	John Amm	PO Box 939 Brackenfell 7561	0219888626 0825678373	Red & White	Blue	60

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Known History: Bought new (red and white, with Wilment OHIV conversion on 100E Ford engine) by Cherry Crisp from Tony Kotze Motors called "THE RED HOUSE" 74 Strand Street Cape Town. He was a GSM car agent. Cherry, a private pilot, raced this Dart in Cape Town until the end of 1958 when she left for the UK. At the end of 1958 Tony Kotze became the agent again when he then sold it to Dennis Joubert. Dennis had the car re-sprayed fawn colour and the registration no was CA 99988. This was his first of four Darts he owned. This car was modified by the GSM factory with a Tim Trembath four amal carb conversion and a David Brown gearbox and raced regularly all over the country. About 1962 Dennis sold the Dart to Jeanne Heyns from Worcester. Jeanne drove from Worcester to Dennis who lived in Gordon's Bay and paid him R400 cash for the Dart. Jeanne traded the Dart in at Brandwag Motors Worcester. In June 1964 Neville Lomnitz bought this Dart from Brandwag Motors which was a plum colour when he traded in his Wolsley 15/50, colour British Racing Green. This was a straight swap with a small cash adjustment. The Dart had domes on headlights and the David Brown gearbox was in the boot. Neville re-sprayed the car red. In April 1965 Neville sold the car to Millway Motors Mowbray. Millway Motors was owned by Adrian Pfeiffer and Morris Cornofsky. Morris made the deal with Neville where he traded the Dart in for R300 as a deposit on a Taunus for R500. Millway Motors sold this Dart in Port Elizabeth to unknown person for R500 but the deal was that they had to drive the Dart to Port Elizabeth. Adrian loaded the Dart in his Blue 3t Ford car transporter to deliver to the new owner in PE as the Dart was not reliable. He offloaded the Dart outside of PE, then drove it to unknown new owner. No history from 1965 to 1976.

In 1976 a retired Safmarine captain, Don Thorpe (aged 70) found the car hidden in the long grass at Donford Motors in Stellenbosch. Cars were being auctioned off including the Dart at Donford Motors where Don sent someone with R200.00 to bid on the car. It was pouring with rain and no one bid against him. He got it for R10.00! He bought it and completely rebuilt it. (Even removing and refitting the chassis) The chassis was sandblasted, repaired and straightened by a shipbuilding company in Table Bay harbour. At this stage the Willment engine was gone, A Ford 1500 pre-cross flow motor was fitted with Webers and a sports cam. On 29th August 1980 Chris Lotter bought it, with 67316 miles on the clock, for R1,440.00. He has owned the car since then and kept an accurate logbook.

On 25th June 2006, John Amm bought the car from him for R30,000.00 with 71462 miles on the odo, with lots of spares. The car is in fairly good condition as is virtually complete and very original and is fitted with a 1500cc GT motor. All the side screens, hubcaps, seats ect.; as supplied by the factory is there. (July 2010)