

A '59 in India, continued!

BULLETIN 346 we were introduced to a 1959 Belvedere in Jaipur, India, where it was undergoing a meticulous restoration. POC member Subbaiah Kuppanda, mentioned elsewhere in this issue, made the introductions. His acquaintance, Kartik Lunia, charted the progress of the restoration on the website <Team_BHP> in India. Now the restoration is complete!

I became "e-acquainted" with Haseeb Abdul, owner of the car. Haseeb pulled out all stops to get the restoration complete in time for the Jaipur 20th Annual Vintage and Classic Car Rally in February of this year. Finishing touches were being put in place until the very eve of the rally.

The day of the show came and the '59 Belvedere made its appearance. All work and effort paid off in spades! The

Belvedere was judged the Best Restored Car in the classic category.

Hats off to John Fowlie of Big M Auto (BULLETIN 345), whom Haseeb credits with helping him with many of those hard-to-find parts.

Not resting on his laurels, Haseeb took the car to the "21 Gun Salute" International Vintage Car Rally and Concours Show in Delhi later that same month. This was the eighth annual show. Promoters bill its aim as "establishing India as a "World-class Motoring Tourism Destination by spreading awareness and interest among the people of the country and the rest of the world through participation and involvement of vintage and classic car enthusiasts and collectors."

While Haseeb claimed no award that day, his spectacular accomplishment turned many an eye.

Here, again, is the link to the Team_PHP website posting documenting the progress of this remarkable restoration: http://bit.ly/India59A







Many thanks go to Kartik Lunia and Team_PHP for permitting us to share their postings. How wonderful it is in the far-flung diaspora of '59 Plymouths, that such a beautiful specimen would turn up in Jaipur, India.



And yet a third '59 Plymouth has turned up! Sadly, Kartik writes: "Meanwhile, another '59 turned up in India. Unfortunately it's missing a lot of parts, and I am afraid the owner might hot rod it."

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"For '59... If It's New, Plymouth's Got It!"

