



Like Father, Like Son

I took possession of *Faulkner*, my 1959 Sport Fury, in January 2003. Not an exceptional mechanic but wanting to promote the brand of vehicle I had come to own, I began thinking of starting a website for 1959 Plymouths—and this, in spite of not being an exceptional webmaster, either! I started perusing the forum at <www.forward-look.net> for '59 Plymouth owners who might be interested in becoming members of my website. One contact led to another and, before long, I was corresponding with Ron Keij in the Netherlands. When the '59 Plymouth Forum was inaugurated in March 2004, the first reply was from Ron.

Ron, his wife Marjo and their son Matthew live in Poortvliet near the Belgian border. Over the years, we have formed a lasting friendship, visiting with each other many times. Often the occasion is the Chrysler Nationals in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Seasoned travelers, Ron and Marjo love visiting the United States, and we get together whenever their trips bring them near Philadelphia.

CHRISIE, RON'S '59 SPORT FURY, is a spectacular red-with-white hardtop. Here is a retelling of how Ron came to own the car, from BULLETIN 297 (Jul/Aug 2009).

On a Saturday night in August of 2001, Marjo and I were surfing TV channels when we saw the movie *Christine*. Marjo said finding a car like that for a reasonable price would be a dream. We had been looking for a fifties car with fins for almost a year, but very few of these cars are in our country. We drove a lot of miles to see every car that looked okay in the advertisement, but came home



disappointed time after time. Cars advertised as "like new" were mostly junk, and decent cars were extremely overpriced.

The next morning, Marjo didn't feel well and stayed in bed. I was bored and started surfing the Internet, and found a link to a new website where you could sell your used stuff. I noticed they also had a chapter for cars and when I clicked on "oldtimer cars" (a popular term for classic cars in the Netherlands), I saw this picture:

was feeling a lot better! She was ready within minutes. However, Matthew decided not to come because we "would always go look at cars, but never buy one." After a two-hour drive, we got there. When the owner opened the garage door, we both knew we had found our car. We talked with him for a while and he took us for a drive on the boulevard. I asked Marjo what she thought. Her reply was, "Can we take it home right away?" We made the deal within a minute!



RON CONTINUALLY IMPROVED the car over the years. In 2008, *Chrissie* received a major overhaul: the removal and replacement of rusted panels, and a completely new paint job. You can review the prodigious effort here: <<http://bit.ly/ChrissieRepaint>>

In June 2016, things took a turn for the worse when *Chrissie* developed some engine trouble. The car was sidelined while its 318 was rebuilt. It is now

back in the car. You can track the progress for yourself here:

<<http://bit.ly/318rebuild>>

Members of the '59 Forum—and the Forward Look Network Forum—know Matthew has followed in his father's footsteps. Matthew has an uncanny photographic memory and is adept at immediately pointing out to members when they've installed the swivel seat lever upside down, or when they've got the heater valve hoses swapped. He is a walking encyclopedia of '59



trivia and knowledge.

So, it seemed only natural when a Forum member's Sport Fury convertible went up for sale in 2010, Ron and Matthew would snatch it up. You can read all about the convertible's journey from the U.S. to the Netherlands here:

<<http://bit.ly/59Vert>>

The convertible has provided ample opportunity for Matthew to hone his mechanical skills. He and Ron often drive their cars together to car shows in the Netherlands, where

not one but two Sport Furys in the same family have folks thinking they are seeing double.

Like father, like son—a tribute to their love for classic American iron.

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