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## World's Oldest Plymouth



Michael Hunter's 1928 Model Q four-door sedan





# A Dream Deferred

**W**ill Walker is a Master Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corp. Currently stationed in Okinawa—his third stint in fourteen years—Will has also seen action in Bahrain and in Iraq where he was deployed in the fight against ISIS.



While not serving his country, Will dreams of spending time on his Plymouths. He loves Mopar muscle, all things Mid-Century Modern ("MCM," to aficionados of the movement), the Forward Look and especially his 1959

Plymouths. Oh! And he loves his wife Kourtney, who shares his enthusiasm for all of the above.



Will and Kourtney met before his last of several deployments to Iraq. A few months after his return, they married, in April, 2016. Then, off to Okinawa. Will



*Jade*

writes:

*Our current cars are my '49 Ford "shoebox" chopped custom, '63 Mercury Comet (my first car I bought for 900 dollars when I was 13 years old), my '69 Charger and my wife's '64 Dart. We had a couple other cars but when we got orders to go overseas, we had to thin the pack. That was a sad day.*

Even before he left, Will had been on the hunt for a 1959 Sport Fury. He lost out on an opportunity to buy one, not once, but twice.

Then, while on duty in Okinawa, he says. "I woke up to a Facebook message from my wife's cousin (our racing / demo derby buddy). He had sent a Craigslist link which had just been posted. An emerald green '59 Sport Fury

was for sale in San Diego!"

Will called the cousin immediately and he agreed to take a look at the car. Will was already sold on the car and, after looking over a couple of hundred photos from Kourtney's cousin, he sealed the deal and "Jade" went into storage.

*The body is almost completely rust-free. There's one ding in front of the rear passenger side wheel, some rust under the trim on the deck lid and a few spots in the floors but nothing serious. The car has been off the road since the early '70s. It had been repainted once prior to that, and at that time they removed the Sport Deck and the Plymouth badges. They also did a cheap dye and paint job, trying to turn the interior black. The rest of the interior is in the trunk and is completely toast from the sun, but will be good for getting the patterns for the interior.*

Will's love affair with the 1959 Plymouth does not end there, and Kourtney is the abettor.



*Kourtney and her '64 Dart*



Last year, my wife found a very solid '59 Savoy two-door sedan for sale on Instagram. It was in Fresno, California, and available for a very reasonable price. After pricing out the cost of tickets (which happened to be on sale: round trip, Tokyo-to-San Diego, and cheap flights from Okinawa to Tokyo), I decided to jump on it. I managed to get approved for four days of leave. After a twenty-hour flight to San Diego, I rented a car and drove to Fresno, grabbed a U-Haul, bought the Savoy, drove back to San Diego, then played musical cars by rotating all my cars sideways in the shop. I was able to fit four cars and tons of boxes of parts in a three-car shop. Then I flew 20 hours back to Okinawa and took a nap. It made for an epic long weekend!

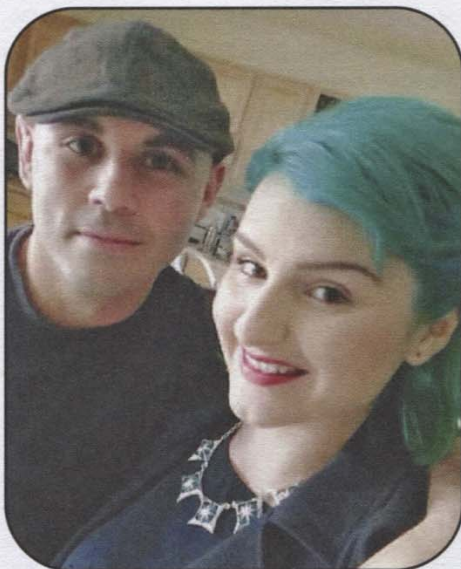
Kourtney affectionately named the Savoy "Sid" (after Sid Vicious, the acclaimed punk rocker), and the moniker has stuck. Whereas Jade will be a straight-up restoration, Will plans to make Sid a "restomod" with one of his spare engines, a 727 transmission, a late model 8-3/4 rear end and Aspen front brakes.

All it takes is time, a commodity in short supply for many automotive enthusiasts in their working years, but even more so when thousands of miles separate you from your hobby. It's a distance soon to be shortened.

BIG NEWS in the Walker household:



*Sid*



After three years overseas we have orders stateside! This June I will be reporting in to the USS Iwo Jima, home-ported out of Mayport (just outside Jacksonville, Florida).

Even so...

The problem with a car addiction in the military is I never have time to really attack a project: get a few months to work on something, start making a little progress, then deployments or exercises start and you're gone for months at a time. That's been my biggest challenge. Speaking of which, in talking to my next unit, it seems they are gearing up for a deployment next spring, so there will be work-ups this fall. I don't know how much work I'll get done on the cars, if any. It sounds like I'll be busy from September of 2019 until at least September of 2020.

Buck up, Sergeant! Your dreams, for now, must be dreams deferred, but the cars will wait for you. Thank you for your service to our nation, and wherever your mission leads you, go in safety.

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*Deferred dreams*

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