

Our 1932 Chevrolet DeLuxe Sport Roadster

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For quite a few years I have wanted a 1932 Chevy Roadster because of the body style and the hood side doors. I never saw one I could afford, or it was one that would take so much work I thought I would never be able to finish it. They have a wood body and although one can buy a wood kit, there is still a lot of work to make it fit.

In October of 2014 I saw an ad in a magazine and called to get more information on the car. The owner said that two people had already called and asked him to send pictures, and one of them was coming to look at it the following Monday, but he would call me if they didn't take it.

I didn't hear anything from the owner for about three weeks and then I got a call from him and he asked if I was still interested in the car. I told him I was and he said he would send me pictures of it. When I received the pictures they looked as nice as he had told me it was, but I wanted to see it in person before I would make the purchase.

I made arrangements to fly back to Michigan in January and look at the car. It was as nice as he had explained it to me. He started it in the garage, but I was not able to drive it because of the four-foot snow bank outside the garage and all of the snow in the driveway.

I told him I would buy the car. The next project was to get it home to Salem, Oregon. I had heard horror stories of having cars shipped sometimes part way on open trucks, sometimes left outside in a lot waiting for a truck headed in the right direction. After doing some research, I chose Reliable Carriers Inc. I called them on a Thursday afternoon and they assured me the car would be in an enclosed truck all the way and would not be left out in the weather. The truck driver called the owner of the car that evening and made arrangements to pick it up at 6:00 am the following morning at the Walmart parking lot about three miles from his home.

That afternoon I got a call from the driver saying he would be at my house on Monday about noon. The reason it wouldn't be until Monday was because he wanted to stop by his home in Boise Idaho and watch the Super Bowl on Sunday. He had picked up five cars in Flint Michigan to be delivered to the Portland Auto Show and had room for one more, which was mine.

When I went to Michigan to look at the car the owner had a lot of extra parts that the car carrier would not deliver to me, so we made a three-week road trip back to Michigan and picked up a pickup load of car parts, and sailboat parts for my brother in law.

Since the car has arrived we have enjoyed putting quite a few miles on it, and plan to drive it a lot in the future. A couple of weeks ago, it was finally warm enough to put the top down and enjoy several rides in the country

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