

1958 Willys Wagon



This truck started its' life as a hard working ranch truck in Montana, hauling hay and water to cattle miles away. From there, a collector in South Dakota stored it in his machine shed along with other classics. The collector decided to specialize on one particular model (Buick Grand Sport). When he made this decision was about the same time my wife and I were in Billings dropping our son off at football camp and scouting for a classic auto. We drove all over the countryside looking for the right vehicle, I would know it when I saw it, I thought. After cruising eastern SD with little inspiration, we headed back to our hotel room with a stop at the restaurant across the highway. As we drove into the parking lot, something caught my eye in the back row of a small used car lot. We made a quick right, behind the dealer's garage and around to the lot. There, tucked behind a few Caprices and Taurases sat the Willys. We found our truck and drove it home that night. This Willys is about 95% original, only an electric fuel pump and conversion to 12 volt system are not stock. People tell me that the crinkles and small dents give it character. I agree to a point, I've been driving it as I found it. Whether to restore it is yet to be determined.



1965 Ford Mustang



This Mustang was originally an Arizona car driven up in 1985 and given to my wife from her father. Unfortunately, we were forced to drive it for daily transportation, sometimes in the winter. It was parked next to our shed for several years until we decided to redo it. The floors, kick panels, rear wheelhouses, trunk drop down panels and quarter panels were rotted. I cut out the floor first, welding in new ones. Next, I cut off the right side rear and replaced the wheelhouse, trunk panel and quarter panel. I am currently working on cutting off the left side and will go through the same procedure as the right side.

