

Richard & Sherry Dittman's 1968 & 1969 Bond Equipes



I have restored 2 Bond Equipe 2L cars over the past 20 years. The first one, the convertible, I purchased in Tillsonburg from Bill White Auto Restorations Ltd. I bought a second



convertible in Kingston, Ontario and after a 1200-hour restoration made one car of the two. The coupe I purchased in 1991 from Kitchener, Ontario. It too needed about 1200 hours of hard labour. I chose to restore those, as they are quality cars based on Triumph running gear and because of their scarcity. Eleven were imported to Canada in 1969 (Sports Cars

Unlimited) and none officially to the States. I have located 10 of the 11 – my convertible and parts car are 2 of them, 1 is presently awaiting restoration in Vancouver, 6 have been crushed and 1 may have been scrapped but still may be around.

The only 2 Bonds on the road in North America, I believe, are my two. There are at least 3 in the U.S.A., having been imported privately. There is one in Seattle, one other in California and one in Kansas. All are awaiting large scale restoration projects.

The Bonds do very well when shown, placing first in non North American cars at the Heritage Village show last month, and first and second in class at Battle of the Brits last week.

I love British sports cars and enjoy the hobby of restoring them with my wife, Sherry. As the picture shows we have a 1961 MGA 1600, 1965 Triumph TR4, 198 MG Midget, 1975 Jaguar XJ5.3 (European Model), and the two Bonds, a 1968 Coupe MKI and a 1969 convertible MKII, both with Triumph six cylinder motors. All cars have been restored by us to near

concours; with help on the bodies from our friend Fritz Marentete.

I am about to complete the restoration of my other MGA, a 1960 model and I am always on the look out for an interesting car to tackle.

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