

Peoples Stories

Henry – 1977 XC Fairmont Hardtop

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From the time I first looked at the site, I felt the kind of excitement for a car that I had not felt for a long time. These were no ordinary cars. I saw the real possibility of actually acquiring a real Ford Falcon from Australia. Ever since I was 17, when the movie Mad Max first came out, I saw the car. It wasn't a Mustang but some kind of Ford Vehicle. At the time I wasn't sure what it was. All I knew was I wanted one like it. Last of the V8 Interceptors.

When I finally contacted Philip Newell from Aussiecoupes.com, he sent pictures of a car with some details describing it. It just happen to be the color of my choice and seemed to be in excellent shape from the pictures and the description I was given. I couldn't pass up the chance of being able to acquire this car. As I was told, it was still owned by the original owner and had low kilometers.

The hardest part of this all was putting up the down payment and putting trust in Phil and the people in Australia. This was where I gained more confidence. After many conversations with Phil, I was told about his contact in Australia. A man by the name of Rob was the key player and not only helped to find my car, but Phil's as well. In the 1970's during the height of the Australian Muscle Car era, Rob was an Editor and Photographer for Modern Motor Magazine and well known in Australia. Hearing about Rob gave me the confidence I needed to put a down payment on a car I've only seen pictures of. Not something a lot of people will readily do.

I knew it would be several months from the time the down payment was paid until I would actually see the car in my driveway. During these months Phil had kept in close contact with me, sending pictures of the car through E-mail from the time it was first acquired from the original owner, when it was taken into a service shop by Rob to have necessary modifications completed, It's last days in Australia, and finally, when the car was unloaded by Phil and on North American soil. Seeing the pictures during each step of the cars travels made the whole transaction more exciting.

When Phil was ready to deliver my wheels, I made the decision and Phil delivered my car in person. I personally felt more comfortable with this. It also gave me the opportunity to finally meet with Phil who had gained my confidence over the last several months before actually acquiring my car.

I am now a proud Canadian owner of a 1977 Ford Falcon from Australia. The Muscle Car of my dreams for over 20 years. Thanks to Phil, Rob, and all the people at Aussie Car Imports for helping to make this possible.

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Bill – 1976 XB GS

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On quality cars...

If you look around, good cars can be found. I have a good solid straight example myself for not much more money than some of the cars in this country that are full of rust holes and less money than some with lots of rust. It is just like any other car here in the states you look for a good one to start with and the rest of the process goes much easier.

I contacted several importers before finding one who would find a car to fit my needs not just what was the easiest car to find. The replies I received ranged from "all my cars have rust" to "we don't have the time to find what you want". Obviously I went with the guys who imported mine and the car was better than expected with no hidden gremlins.

Look at the guys who bought rusty cars just to fix them. I refused to spend that kind of money for a rust bucket and waited for something rust free. It just goes to show that the main part of the charm is right hand drive and many if not most will go to extreme measures to get it.

I got mine out of the shipping container on a Thursday, drove it during rush hour and had no problem. Mine is a 4 speed and its not a problem at all. Personally after driving the Falcon a few days I find it harder to change back.

On Bill Brown's Mad Max I Interceptor...

One thing I have noticed about Bill's car is the reaction. Expect the unexpected at all times around his car. If you want to get noticed don't park next to him. I have never seen a vehicle be so popular no matter where it is at. At times it can be like the pied piper with a growing line behind. It is not the kind of vehicle you blend into the crowd with. Even the other Falcons are slightly ignored with Max around.

Dave Cotten – 1976 "HalfMax"

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"Thanks a whole lot, also got the title and plate today! You are a stand up guy Phil, I will send any business your way I can!"

"I have to admit that the car is awesome. I love to hear it fire up. There is something about a big block V-8 with no pollution crap and power to go. I love this car! If you need a testimony on buying a car from you I will give him a good experience report."

Dave

Bill Brown – Owner of a Mad Max Interceptor

Will also supply a testimonial as to the quality of cars we deliver and answer any Interceptor questions you may want to ask of someone independent of me.

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"I am very happy with the overall condition. If you have any future customers who express concern about paying for a vehicle in another country, please feel free to use me as a reference. You can give any prospective buyers my email or phone number."

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Went to another cruise night in Milford, MI last Sunday, and came home with a Best of Show trophy. The only things I've done to the car is clean it up and put the Max-style rims/tires on her...period. I didn't even get her backed in, and already there were about 10 people around it, asking questions before the engine was shut off. What a rush. The trip meters up to about 600 miles in 9 days...having too much fun.

If you are to contact any of these people, I have been asked that you please put "Aussie Coupes" or "Aussie Car Imports" as the subject line or otherwise they may think it is spam and delete it. If you need phone numbers please ask. Thank you.

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