

(NEW) MEMBER CAR OF THE MONTH

Tommy and Nancy Allen
Brentwood, Tennessee
1938 Ford Pickup



Tommy and Nancy Allen and their 1938 Ford Pickup

Nancy and I drove to southern Indiana about 10 years ago to look at this truck. I knew nothing about the early trucks except I was a Ford guy (having previously had a 1953 F 100) and liked the looks of the prewar trucks. Someone with more knowledge than me would have seen it did not start out as ½ ton with a pick up bed. It is now clear to me the bed was added some years later.

The truck had been sub framed with a 1990 Mustang front end giving it power steering and power brakes. It had a 5 liter (302) 1990 Mustang engine with a noticeable knock, a C 6 automatic and Mustang rear end. The wiring was a mess, with holes in the dash for after market gauges and a radio. It also had been decorated with oak wood trim down the side of the bed and inside the truck.

Nevertheless, we managed to drive it home to Brentwood that day. Our work started from there.

Over the years we have had the engine rebuilt and a mild cam added. There was much body work done, mostly by me, sand blasting and repairing the front fenders, dash, and holes in the side of the bed. The truck was painted professionally and we recently had the interior redone.

The largest projects I performed myself included moving the gas filler cap from the bed to the rear fender, replacing the wooden bed boards, removing the after market turn signals, replacing the 1990 Mustang steering wheel, and rewiring most of the truck.

Over the years we have tried to maintain the look of a 1938 on the outside while making a comfortable and safe daily driver on the inside....Tommy Allen