

## THE WINNING CAR

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Carel and Margaret Buchner with their 1933 Ford Coupe

In about 1990 I bought a 1936 Ford V8 Roadster on the sale of a deceased estate in Pretoria with no knowledge of old vehicles in general and Fords in particular.

Trevor Hoole went with me to Pretoria to fetch it. (That is another story on its own) At home and with Trevor's help I discovered that I needed many parts for the car. That was when I went to knock on Mr OD Inngs' door and introduced myself. We immediately became friends. He, as you know, had encyclopaedic knowledge of old cars and had amassed a mountain of parts for old cars over the years. These parts were stored all over in his undertaking business but he could take you straight to any item that you might need.

With his and Trevor's help the car was fixed and licensed and I even managed to come 4<sup>th</sup> in one Milligan rally.

I then decided that I would rather have a 1933 or 34 with a coupe body than the roadster and placed an advert in the EPVCC newsletter offering it for sale. A man from PE came to look at the car, shook my hand, and paid my asking price without any bartering. His name was Don Lee.

I then went back to uncle OD and asked him if he did not know where I could find a 33 Ford Coupe. Not long after this, he asked me to take him to Fort Beaufort. This was not unusual as I sometimes drove him to East London to see other car friends.

Upon arrival he took me to Derrick Mitchell, the owner of the Ford dealership and collector of old cars, and there was my car. I paid him his asking price without any bartering.

PS. The cylinder head gaskets came out from underneath the lid of a church pew seat in his little chapel!!!

It is therefore fitting that my car should win the OD Inngs Memorial Run.

I think I had help and nobody else had a chance.