

## *Feature Vehicle*

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*Member #269*

*1967 Pontiac Beaumont Sport Deluxe*



My name is Gary Couckuyt, and I live in Tillsonburg, Ontario, Canada. I own a 1967 Pontiac Beaumont Sport Deluxe. The car is a numbers matching vehicle and is one of 259 produced in Canada in 1967. The car was built in Oshawa, Ontario and sold at London Motor Products in 1967. The original owner purchased the car from London Motor Products and owned it for

approximately 16 years. At this point it was sold to his neighbor who kept

the car for 10 years. It was then sold back to the original owner, who put it in the garage until the year 2000. It was at this point that I purchased the car in September 2000. My reason for purchasing the car is that I love the body lines of the 1967 Chevelle/Beaumont. At the time of purchase I was uncertain what I was going to do with the car. I decided to get the VIN numbers



checked with GM Oshawa. I was surprised, and thrilled at the results. It is in fact a true numbers matching car. With the numbers matching and the

low production numbers my decision to restore the car properly was not a difficult one. So I started the process of totally restoring the car. The car has undergone total frame off restoration. Every piece of suspension etc. was taken off of the frame sandblasted, prepped, and painted. The frame was then reassembled with new bushings and the freshly painted components. The





body was done on a rotisserie and the decision was made to paint the bottom of the car. Normally the car would be chassis black, but I also decided to paint the engine compartment and trunk in the body colour. My reason for this, was the fact that it is much easier to keep the car clean. The car is painted the original colour, Antique Metallic Pewter. The car has the original 396

big block, 350 hp. with a turbo 400 trans. It has a 12 bolt posi with the original 308 gears. A new vinyl roof was applied, and new carpet and interior installed. The car originally had 14 in. rallys with red line tires. Today I have 15x7 on the front and 15x8 on the back Cragars with BF Goodrich T/A tires. The car was started in September, 2000 and completed in August, 2002, almost 2 years.

The car has been to several indoor and outdoor shows as well as cruise nights and draws it fair share of attention. I really enjoy talking with people about the car and the conversation that arises when they realize how rare the car really is. I have also just recently finished a 1964 Chevelle 2 dr. hardtop. The car was originally a 6 cyl. car, and I have since done a pro-touring modification to the car.



It has a 427 small block engine with a 4 sp. trans., dana 60 rear end with 373 gears. I can't really choose which of the 2 cars I like the best because I like all Chevilles/Beaumonts. I see another Chevelle on the horizon because after all I enjoy seeing these cars come back to life. I do hope this information helps you in your article and appreciate your interest in the car. Thanks Gary

Gary Couckuyt

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