

## Wenona School Morrie

Progress has been very slow over the last several months due to quite a number of frustrating setbacks, but we have persevered and are now slowly picking up speed. The car was actually in need of a lot more tender care than thought but was made even worse by an overzealous sandblaster who I think used  $\frac{3}{4}$ " blue metal at about 1000psi to cleanse the body. It came back absolutely full of holes. Luckily enough, we had Stuart Treuer ready to do the repairs, which he did in a most professional manner, using thicker metal than Mr. Issigonis even knew existed.



Stuart does his thing after the car came back from sandblasting

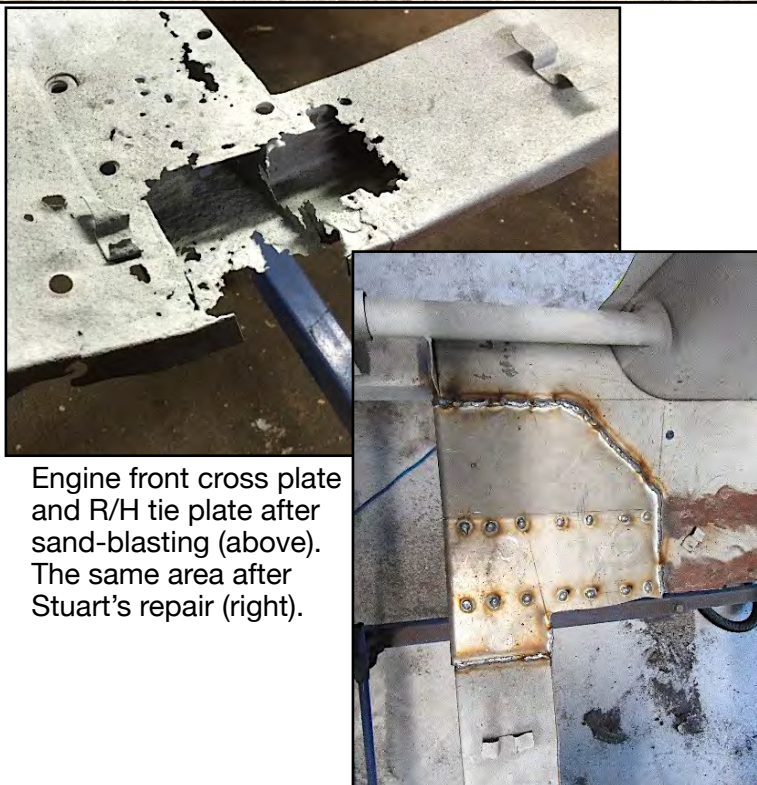
We were in the process of painting when the wet weather hit early in the year, which completely ruined the finish. When we were ready to start again, COVID-19 meant we were locked out for several months, then another move to a different location - what a pain! We eventually caught up with it and managed to get the painting done properly.



The girls are involved in all aspects of the restoration



The car as received

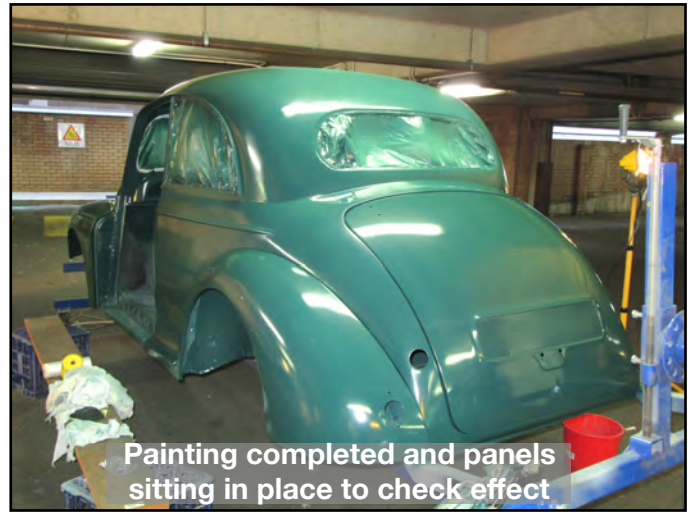


Engine front cross plate and R/H tie plate after sand-blasting (above). The same area after Stuart's repair (right).

With a bit of luck, we should start putting it together soon. First job of course will be to try and get it back on its wheels so we don't have to work around and through the rotisserie. Unfortunately, we have lost some of our most experienced girls now due to end of school final exams and we are starting to break in some newbies.



Les and the girls assemble the grill



Painting completed and panels sitting in place to check effect



Painting commenced, then the rain came

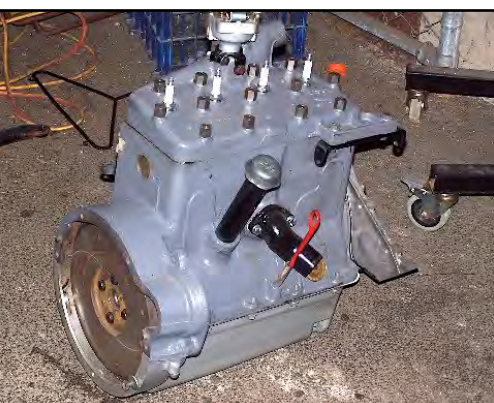


There have been a number of headaches in procuring parts specific to the MM Lowlight but we are gradually getting on top of it. In this regard, immense help has been given by Brian Condon, Col Trusler and Guy Lewis. The running gear is being changed to the later model status but that will be virtually the only change from original.

a lot of time and effort into the task to ensure that we had a reliable power plant. The school and the girls, not to mention the back-up crew, sincerely thank Alan for his dedication and expertise. Thank you heaps Alan! When it comes to major engine maintenance, make sure that you put Alan on your list.

The photos of the rust repair are only a tiny sample of what was required to get the car back to what we believe is better-than-original condition. With the heavier metal used, everything is so much stronger and all panels repaired are fully welded, not just spot welded. Les Whale, our "official" photographer, has ensured that we have a large amount of photos to show work in progress and what a collection it is. Many thanks Les.

The team is hoping, that by Christmas, we will have most of the mechanical assembly finished and maybe a little of the interior. Only time will tell.  
Bob Gilliland



The overhauled engine ready to be installed

The original side valve engine is going to be retained. This has had a complete overhaul carried out by Alan Hall (ex-Morris Minor World). Alan put





More Wenona  
photos from  
Les Whale



Great teamwork!