

## **Buyer Beware!!!!**

It recently came to my attention again, people purchasing a Li'l Red, and not checking it out before they buy it!

Just in the last 6 months, I had a guy purchase a Li'l Red from one of the many "Classic Car" dealers and had it shipped to his house, and of course, when it arrived, it had numerous faults. These Classic Car dealers are only in it for the money, they have no idea what is correct, nor do they care, they just want to make the sale. The \$35K he spent should have only been \$15K. It had problems from the front to back.

I also had a guy on the east coast, who purchased a truck located in Arizona. Again, after getting it home and looking underneath, he found serious frame damage, from a front impact. This was going to be very costly, so he did what everybody else had been doing with the truck, pawned it off on someone else.

Then there was the guy that bought a Li'l Red, that had been totally restored, and it looked fantastic. The only problem was, when I checked the VIN number, it wasn't a Li'l Red at all. It was a regular truck, cloned to look like a Li'l Red. To make matters worse, he got mad at me for pointing out the fact that it was a clone!!

My point here is, if you are spending from \$20K to \$60K for a truck, go look at it yourself, or hire a reputable

appraiser to look at it for you and give a written report. It can save you a bunch of money in the long run.

Taking the word of a used car dealer is definitely, not going to work out for you in the end!

I see this kind of thing all the time. Someone sees a truck and gets all sentimental about getting the truck, because it was like the one, he had in High School, or like the one he bought new 45 years ago, and they just don't look it over, or know what to look for. All you must do is some research on the trucks, there is a truckload of information on the internet, and people to contact for help, but if you don't, you will get burnt. I've seen it time after time, and after the sale is over, you are stuck with a bad truck.

I know it isn't cheap to hire someone to appraise the truck, but it's better than spending thousands of dollars, only to find out you made a big mistake.

Maybe this will help someone in the future, I really hope so!!

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