

Titan Mk6C - AM 7344 - 73606
Some History On The Car
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This car was originally bought into NZ by Dave McMillan in 1973/74. I think Dave was working for Fred Opert in the U.S at the time.

Dave and I raced for the same sponsor, Dawes Racing, in NZ and had a colour scheme not unlike what I have finished up with. It's hard to remember all the details but at some point of the NZ 74/75 championship I had a chance to drive Dave's car and immediately fell in love with it and produced some good times. A deal was done and I drove for Dave in that 74/75 series. Winning in that car and under Dave's guidance we won the NZ Championship.



#73606 As It Is Today



The car in the day, left with Dawes Racing, the right later with Linton King Sponsorship

Fortunately for me many doors opened up and I competed the next two seasons in a Ford works Cologne Capri both in NZ and Australia. However as normal in Motorsport deals don't last forever.

76/77 started to look around for what I could drive and back in NZ I met Fred Opert. Fred offered me a drive in a Chevron Formula Atlantic but while it was a very good deal, I struggled to raise the funds.

Subsequently Fred asked me to work for him and told me he had found a driver. I thought why not. Plus there were plenty of bonuses if the driver was to win. I asked who the driver was his reply was some Fin named Keke Rosberg. I replied never heard of him.

Well as history has shown I soon realized why he was going to be World Champion and I wasn't.

After Keke winning that series I was offered jobs in the UK and Fred offered me a FF in the states that I could drive plus work for him. The other option I had was to go back to Australia and work for Jim Richards on a new car plus he would assist me in getting the Titan back and taking it to race in Australia for the 1977 championship. So that deal was done and we raced the Titan coming second in the championship with the Titan under a bond I had to ship it back to NZ.

The car was sold in NZ and my racing career finished. It was time to start my own car dismantling business, get married, children, etc. Never looked back. I now have a very successful business and two sons with 5 grandchildren plus a wonderful wife who has supported me throughout my racing career we have been together for 48 yrs.

About May last year I saw on FaceBook a photo of that same Titan. It was in need of a major rebuild. Then the current owner Martin Lucas had started a rebuild on the car but he had other projects on the drawing board. I made a random comment asking "I wonder if I would still fit into it" and his reply was "would you like to try!" As normal a deal was done and I bought the car back to Australia, where it has had a full rebuild. Just love it. Very happy it came up.

I have only had one test day and couldn't believe the times. I won't get too carried away yet. Might have just been a lucky day. Hope these photos do the Titan justice and my history has some interest.

Regards Grant