

Glenn's Truck

Part of Glenn Smith's youth was spent watching his dad operating a 1946 Chevrolet two-ton truck in the Kansas wheat fields. For nostalgia's sake, a few years ago Glenn began looking for such a truck to restore. He found a very similar 1945 two-ton and bought it. When he bought the truck it had only 2,261 miles on the odometer. The truck was originally owned by the Okay, Oklahoma, volunteer fire department and was used sparingly. The second owner bought the truck with the intent of restoring it, but the truck sat unmoved in Elgin, Kansas, for seventeen years until Glenn bought it for \$750.

When Glenn began rebuilding the truck, he and Sadie soon found that they had undertaken a worthwhile but expensive project. Parts were hard to come by and pricey. A look at the truck reveals that vehicles of that era still reflected the Art Deco design of the 1930s. World War II had prevented much styling change by auto manufactures soon after the war. The extra chrome and the sleek lines of Art Deco styling made this most utilitarian vehicle simply beautiful. The excellent paint job hired by Glenn tops off its classic look.

Glenn and Sadie have owned the truck for twenty years and have shown it at many car shows, at tractor shows, and in parades. The fact that Glenn honors our country and especially veterans is obvious by the flag draped casket and his support for military funerals in Northwest Arkansas.

After all the satisfaction Glenn has experienced with this truck, it is for sale. He has several projects underway, including the completion of restoration of an Allis Chalmers G and the purchase of a Model A Ford auto. If anyone is interested in the Chevy truck with 3,846 actual miles, call Glenn at 479-903-2764.



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