

1947 Ford Pickup

Thick & Thin is a very special truck that I'm honored to be the current caretaker of. It was built by a fellow named Don Munsey around 1980 on Chebeague Island, Maine around 1980. Don built it from junkyard parts – VW seats & gas tank, interior pieces from a Olds wagon and a 1964 392 Y Block Ford motor. Don was a real craftsman, he drove this truck for years and everything works!



Thick & Thin as purchased in Sept 2017
This is at Topsham Fairgrounds for the Pine Tree Chapter ATHS Show

I first met Don at the Owl's Head Museum Truck show in 2002. When I got home from the show I bent the bumper on my 1958 Grumman. I saw Don at the local cruise in the next week and he told me to come over to his house and he'd straighten the bumper. I saw him the following week at the cruise in and he chastised me for not coming over. I decided to go over the next day and Don straightened the bumper with a "California Bar" and gave me the grand tour. I decided that if people in the truck club were this nice, I had to join. This was the start of what would turn into an interest in bigger trucks.

In 2017, Don was on oxygen and in failing health. I knew that in the spring he had begun to offer the truck for sale. When the time approached for the Pine Tree Chapter's 1st Show, I volunteered to haul Thick & Thin to the Fairgrounds. That Sat I went to Dresden to pick it up. Once loaded I chatted with Don for a bit. "That truck's not coming back here is it?" he said. I told him we'd talk about it the next day at the show. Sunday PM when things calmed down Don told me what he's been offered for the truck and asked what I'd give him. I laughed and offered him \$1 more! We settled on a price between his original asking price and the previous offer. Thick & Thin had a new caretaker!

Four week to the day, I took Thick & Thin to the truck show in Bolton, Ma. I wore the OHTM show shirt with the truck on the front. That AM Don's son Gary stopped by and gave me an

update on Don's failing health. A couple of hours later, Gary rolled up again and told me Don had passed. Don was a great guy and is missed by so many in the Truck Club circles. It gives me a little comfort to know that passing the truck to a good home helped him a little at the end. My goal with the truck is to keep it as is to the greatest degree possible. To me it's always going to be Don's truck.



Thick & Thin visits it's fallen brothers (Twisted Iron Customs) June 2020