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Written by Colin M34 at Aug 06, 2014 8:35 pm

Hi Folks,

I have recently unearthed a "Barn find" 1934 16/80 project which I now wish to pass on. I knew about it for about the last 15 years because the previous owner used to own one of my other Lagondas, but up till now I was too polite to ask him whether he wanted to sell this one.

I have combined it with some of my spares and it now a pretty complete rolling chassis - minus engine and gearbox, though I am pretty comfortable that a 16/80 (or 2 Litre) engine and gearbox can be found. It has bonnet and sides but will need a complete new body and wings. I know someone who would make these.

It has a chassis plate and is known to the Club, though there are no records of a registration number. Most of the replacement spares are available from the Club.

This project will make a great entry into Lagonda ownership for someone willing to use a wire brush and maybe do their own woodwork. The last 16/80 chassis project I knew of was turned into a V12 engined Lagonda special!

I look forward to helping the new owner restore the car and before advertising it I would welcome enquiries by private message from anyone interested in a discreet sale amongst enthusiasts. For the time being I would prefer not to give out further information in the open forum.

Colin M34

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by David at Aug 06, 2014 10:27 pm

Could I get a 289 hemi in there?

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Aug 06, 2014 11:51 pm

Hi David

Interesting thought - would it get a VSCC "Buff Form?"

We did think about a 2.5 litre Riley engine. That would make it go well!

Colin

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Aug 08, 2014 8:11 pm

Hi Guys,

The project will now have the correct engine. This came via connections in the Lagonda Club.

Colin

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Aug 17, 2014 9:11 pm

Hi folks

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Thanks to eBay this project now has a body! Item 271565144077 is now sitting on the barn find 16/80 chassis. Not as beautiful as a correct T5 body but good enough for a special.

M34

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by alistair at Aug 18, 2014 10:15 am

Colin,

well done!

I see on eBay that the body is being posted to you. Hope you have a big letterbox.

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Aug 18, 2014 9:29 pm

Car is for sale as a project - Chassis from the edge of Dartmoor, Engine from Northampton, body from Wales and ENV 110 gearbox from Lancashire!

Buyer from...?

I hope we can find a suitable person to take on what is a very affordable Lagonda project.

Colin

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Aug 19, 2014 1:44 pm

Following Alistair's kind words about the body I have added some pictures.

The first one shows the chassis in the barn, and the second one shows it sitting on axle stands in my yard. Not a bad fit I think.

IMHO the body will do fine while the new owner rebuilds the chassis, engine and gearbox. If they want to do some VSCC events, the body could be used "as is" pending the building of a correct T2/T5 body.

M34

Attachments:

[As found 2.jpg](#) (filesize: 186.59 KB)

[Side view4.jpg](#) (filesize: 148.45 KB)

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Aug 28, 2014 5:21 pm

Hi Folks,

Thanks to the helpfulness of fellow Lagonda Club members, the project has now become even more complete!

As can be seen in the attached photo, it now has a complete set of instruments plus a ki-gas starter. A new walnut dashboard will be needed to suit

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the body, the one shown in the photograph came from a saloon.

It could now do with some wings. I will be on stand R457 at Beaulieu and anyone who wishes to discuss this project with me will be most welcome.

Colin

Attachments:

[Dash2.jpg](#) (filesize: 176.05 KB)

Re: Barn find 16/80 project

Written by Colin M34 at Dec 04, 2014 12:21 am

I thought readers might like to see the latest shot of my barn find project. I took the chassis completely apart and had it blasted, primed and painted with 2-pack chassis paint as per our previous discussion. I decided to have the running gear powder coated and the result is stunning.

I now located a couple of engines and pre selector gearboxes, including the correct ENV110 one. I have done very well with parts and there is now nothing major missing. The chassis is almost fully assembled as a "nut and bolt" rebuild.

I now have two sets of factory wings, bonnets top and sides as well as the front valance. The wings were painted blue so the car is currently somewhat multi-coloured. The next step is to fit running boards to the chassis. Everything will be painted black and should look very smart.

The body is similar to a T1 tourer and the car will be very correct in terms of having the right bits on it. This includes instruments and fittings. It's amazing what you can find when you look or have friends in the Lagonda Club.

I will try to complete it this winter and then sell it as a fully restored car next year.

The picture is taken in my centrally heated workshop. Outside it is cold and rainy. Inside I am having fun...

Colin M34

Attachments:

[Early December.jpg](#) (filesize: 195.54 KB)
