

# Dean Bazley Axel Gerstl Award Entry



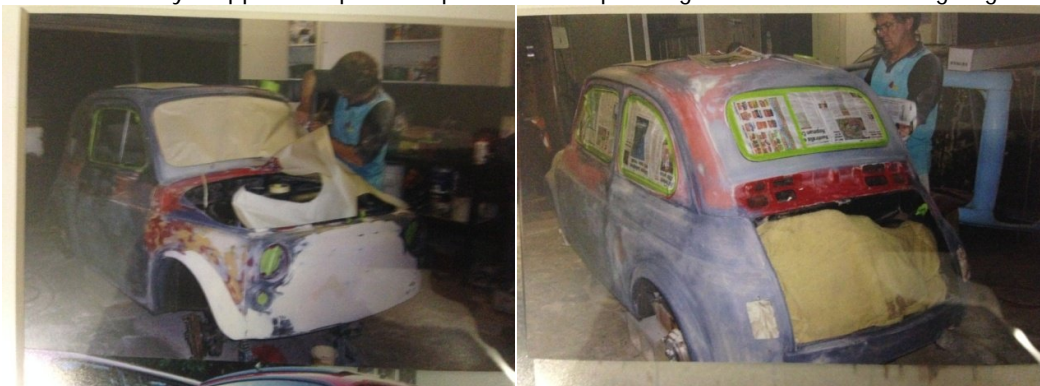
Hi

Let me tell you a story about my dads 1970 Fiat 500F

Dad bought the car 4 years ago from a guy who had not taken very good care of the car  
Upon bringing the car home he started the process of restoring his little pride and joy.



The car was fully stripped and panels repaired before painting the car himself in his garage.



The fiat never made it back onto the road when he was diagnosed with cancer and quickly fell very ill His family grouped together and got the car running but he never got to drive his car again, passing away 18 months ago.



It was his wish for me to have the Fiat 500 and at the time i had no real interest in fiats but very soon the bug grew on me. A few of our friends suggested we finish the restoration and take the car to the Fiat nationals in dad's memory.



I transported the car 1000kms south and competed in every event because that's what dad would have wanted.



And to everyone's surprise the car won first in super sprint, first in motorkhana and 2 overall for every Fiat at the nationals.



The 500 has become our pride and joy now and we drive it every weekend and visit a lot of local car shows and always do well. It's such a great car and always turns heads and puts smiles on people's faces. The 500 will remain in the family and eventually be handed down to our children so they can keep Jim's dream alive.



As the fuel tank says "In memory of Jim"

I'm sure he is proud



Thanks

Dean Bazley