

# CarStory

with Bill Sherk  
The Old Car Detective



## David Wolfe's 1951 Morris Minor

Dave Wolfe of Peterborough, Ontario, remembers his first car.

"My first car was a 1951 Morris Minor. Dad and I bought it in November 1959 for \$40 from a junkyard on my 17th birthday. After towing it home, we worked on it all winter, doing brakes, freeing up the rusty front suspension, and installing a belt-driven water pump from an old Easy washing machine.

"When spring came, the little car was sanded and body-filled in our backyard and soon sported a shiny coat of Canadian Tire green, carefully applied with the best roller-coater CTC could supply for two bucks.

"Next came some light grey deep pile carpet, cut and fitted from our neighbour's old living room rug.

"The biggest expense was a brand new set of Port-a-Walls from Canadian Tire

which turned blackwalls into whitewalls, and once they were installed there was no turning back. We were on the road for a summer of fun.

"I joined a sports car club that met in the showroom of the local MG and Austin Healey dealership, and my little Minor was my ticket to ride with the real car guys.

"The Morris and I ran in club rallies, pit crewed for club racers at Harewood and



Dave Wolfe's 1951 Morris Minor ready for action

Green Acres, even toured Mosport Park on a club picnic while the course was still gravel. The faithful little Morris Minor ran along at 25 miles per gallon and 200 miles per quart of SAE30 for two of the best

summers of my youth and gave me a love for cars that is still going strong today.

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## Library tries new approach to retrieving overdue books

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The Essex Public Library is using a new system of retrieving overdue books and materials.

Ed George, the chief librarian, says the library has decided to use a credit agency that specializes in libraries. As of Sept. 2, Unique Management Services is coordinating the library's retrieval method. The company currently deals with libraries in Canada, the U.S. and

Europe.

"They're a recognized partner with the company that provides us with our software," George said. "They can get the information directly through the computer system."

George said in the past, a list of people with overdue items was compiled manually. The new company's association with the library's software eliminates that task for the library staff.

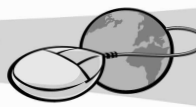
By the time Unique Management Services starts

to deal with delinquent accounts the borrower has received both a phone call and a letter advising them of their overdue items.

"Once we turn it over to them there will be an additional charge, I think of \$15," George said.

"It's a good step in the right direction," said Nancy Brown, a branch assistant who has worked with the library for 20 years. "Books are very expensive, especially in Canada."

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