**The story about a Ford that returned to the family**

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For many, historical cars are not just cars, it is a lifestyle - and if the car has sentimental value, it is much more than just an object. It is part of the family.

This is how automotive journalist and test driver Frederik T. Frey's starts his story. A long pursuit for his grandfather's old Ford 17M RS P7b, which sold in 2009, allows him to bring it back to family again.

**Not just a car**

Back in the '00s, Frederik T. Frey's grandparents left a collection of cars for the family, which the family quickly let go of – and sold them.

One of the cars that was sold was Grandpa Charles's Sunday Car - the car that was used for the morning drive down to the baker for Brunsviger and for the drives with grandma on the passengers eat. It was his Ford 17M RS P7b, which, due to its appearance, is often mistaken for a Ford Taunus.

"If there's one of my grandfather's cars I've got the most memories in, it's definitely the Ford," says Frederik T. Frey. "It's a shame that it was sold."

With the antennas out for the self-same car for a number of years and looking up on various Facebook groups - though unsuccessfully, Frederik is suddenly approached with a tip that can bring him a little closer to the dream of getting a car like his grandfather's old Ford into the family again.

"I'm was one day contacted by a good friend, who had seen a Ford 17M RS P7b like my grandfather’s for sale," says Frederik. "I click on the ad and see a car that was just like the one my grandfather had."

Not believing his own eyes and still surprised by the ad, Frederik contacts the seller who already knew the car's history. Not a long time passes by, before Frederik is heading across the country to look at the car - and not long after, he is once again on his way home. This time in his grandfathers Ford 17M RS P7b.

Greatness is not over for the old Ford. Frederik T. Frey is planning to restore it so that it once again will be as beautiful as it was when his grandfather drove around it on Sundays.

"I'm glad that the Ford still exists," Frederik says. "Now, I try to preserve and secure it for the future in my grandfather's spirit."

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