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'A gentleman does not motor about after dark.' —Joseph Lucas

Out of the box

by Gene Johnston

MAGEE, Miss. — It was just too nice a day not to spend some time in a garage, so I loaded up the overdrive transmission that had been rebuilt and stored away since 2010 and headed down to Charlie Durning's. The plan went to perfection.



The unboxing of the gearbox!

We filled the gearbox with 20-50 oil, about seven pints, and hooked up a speedo, pressure gauge and Charlie's drive adapter to the input shaft. We then attached then attached an electric drill to the input shaft and ran the transmission through its paces to



Ready for lift off!

ensure that the overdrive was engaging. We were successful in getting the engagement switch working and the overdrive engaging properly. A win for the team! After cleaning up, we stored the transmission and will look for the next weather break to



And off to the races as we test the overdrive operation!

pull the engine and transmission in Ole Red and replace everything from the rear engine plate back to the driveshaft. As best I can tell from my records the clutch has been in service since some time prior to 2010. Not too bad! It might be wishful thinking, but I hope that I can get 15