



DISCOVERY YIELDS TWO-FOR-ONE OUTCOME

Two cars have recently been rescued from long-term storage in the USA by the regular treasure-hunters at Gullwing Motor Cars in Astoria, New York. The 1948 MG YT and 1966 Sunbeam Tiger are both believed to have come from the same owner, but their histories are otherwise unknown. The Tiger, a model developed by Carroll Shelby as a high-performance variant of the lowly Alpine, has not worn well and shows plenty of rust, but it appears to be largely complete, with its vivid blue interior partially protected by the car wearing a period hardtop.

The MG is the rare four-seater tourer version of the Y-type saloon, which was only made in left-hand drive and offered to the export market. Marque authority F Wilson McComb wrote of the model, rather unkindly, that it was, 'A long way behind the TC two-seater in performance, whilst the bodywork was about as sporting in appearance as the average Victorian bath tub.' Fewer than 1000 were built, and this one still wears a UK numberplate, AA badge and GB plate – perhaps indicating that it was used by its first owner in the UK before being shipped across the Atlantic.



Rare MG YT four-seater (top) displays signs of its British provenance; Sunbeam Tiger looks worse for wear but is at least all there