

An Opel GT for a good cause!

The 24th Oldtimerspendenaktion 2018 in favor of Lebenshilfe Gießen e.V. began on January 22, 2018 and ends in January 2019. This year, a lime green 1973 Opel GT from the US will be one of the main prizes.

The good cause is at the center: With a donation of 5 euros or an amount of your choice, the participants will once again support people with mental disabilities and mental illness this year. You can find more about the classic car donation campaign and the Lebenshilfe Gießen website: <https://www.oldtimerspendenaktion.de>

Some years ago we met Reinhard Schade, the initiator and "maker" of the Oldtimerspendenaktion.de, through Uwe Mertin from Opel Classic. Reinhard had bought an Opel GT from the US for himself and we helped him with the restoration. Of course, for the year 2018 and the big anniversary of "our" Opel GT, an Opel GT had to be one of the main prizes of the 24th vintage car donation campaign. Reinhard asked us if we would support this project. As a result, a small group of GT mechanics from the Federation of European Opel GT Clubs met in Ratzeburg on several weekends to jointly build an Opel GT for a good cause.

In the spring of 2017 we found this GT in San Jose, south of San Francisco Bay:



Registered until the end of 1985 H.J. D., then stored for over 30 years.



In April 2017, the GT arrived in Rotterdam and was brought directly to Ratzeburg by Reinhard.

This particular GT was built in April 1973 and was first registered in October 1973. The car – partly - still carries its original paint, had some small sheet metal damage and was otherwise complete.







In June / July 2017 we disassembled the GT and prepared it for the painter.





In September the body was painted.



The time at the painter was used to rebuild the engine at the company BAMOTEC in Nuremberg.



In October and November we rebuilt the GT with cleaned, reconditioned or with new parts







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Our goal was to get an Opel GT on the road, participating in events all year 2018, which can be passed on to a winner with a clear conscience in February 2019.



The GT will be "collecting donations" throughout the year. For the first time at the Bremen Classic Motorshow at the beginning of February, then at the Techno Classica in Essen and at various classic car events, such as the Hamburg-Berlin-Klassik, the Donau-Classic and of course it will be present at the GrandTour in September.

We hope the winner will enjoy the car and the GT will stay in our scene.

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