



It all started when I was 10 years old. My uncle showed up at Easter with a brand new Lil Red Express Truck, I thought it was the coolest truck I've ever seen. I thought to myself, "I'm going to have one, one day!" Moving forward to 2017 I found one on Craigslist for the VERY affordable price of \$6500 but, there weren't any pictures. I contacted the seller and set up a time to meet and see the truck. Oh Boy! It was nothing like what I had expected to see. The truck belonged to the seller's father-in-law that had passed away 7 years prior. He was in the process of restoring the truck. There was literally no bolt left in the truck, It was all in pieces. The cab, frame, and running gear was in the seller's garage, the other parts were stashed in the attic of the garage, out building and house. We had to search the entire property to find everything that looked like it belonged to the truck. It took 2 trailers to haul it all home. Then, the real work began. I had to figure out what I had and what I still needed. I have restored many cars over the years. "its just a Dodge truck, How hard could it be?" Boy was I wrong! I quickly found out it is next to impossible to find what I needed. Needless to say, I moved forward, hunted and searched to find used or new old stock stuff. Boy, is that pricey. At one point I thought about just parting it out, I could have made money if I did that. I couldn't bring myself to do that. With the help of John Roberts and his book, several Lil Red Express Truck groups on Facebook, and a lot of Ebay I finally got it done. It took 18 months to finish, but is it ever really done? I still search for parts to make my truck better. It will never make me any money. I will never sell it. Besides, I have to keep it! I enjoy seeing my NALRETO family once a year.

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