

CARS I REMEMBER

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During the early months of 1967, Ann and I decided to buy a car-hauling trailer. The problem was, at that time there was no dealers selling trailer in this area. HMN carried advertisements for two companies, one was Wells Cargo, the other was a Company whose trailer was all aluminum the name I forget. They were priced less than \$1500 at the factory. So I watched for a trailer to be for sale in HMN.

Finally in the June issue I found one advertised in Valley Forge, PA. I called, still available and I set a date in early June to look at it. We had just bought the first Opal Station Wagon for Ann, and I thought this would be a good run for it. It was a five speed manual trans. It gave 30 mpg on the trip. I looked at the trailer and it looked great. It had been built by Bianco Welding in Philadelphia. I gave a deposit, measured the ball height and came home. I had a hitch put on the Cadillac convertible.

On June 21 I returned to get the trailer. The owner was a PA State Police, and since I didn't have a license for it, he wrote out a violation form for no license, which gave me 24 hours to get home. The trailer had a surge brake, and I believe it would have hauled a bulldozer. I loaned it to a friend to bring a Ford AA truck home from Maine. My first trip was with the Chevy sedan to Niagara Falls Meet. I hauled many cars, without any accidents. At the time I found new friends who needed a car hauled. I never was happy with the hitch on the back of the Cad, very unsightly. In 1969 I bought Jimmy Altmans 1965 Chevy truck which he had hauled his trailer with, but soon found it was not equal to the task. By late 1969 I had my fill of trailering cars, and traded it toward a classic car. That car dealer used it for many years in his business, and it never left him down. I had paid \$400.00 for it. 🚚



Fred has sent along this photo.
He thought it could be Garry Coopers "next" restoration project.