

CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET *(Continued from October Issue)*



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Well, I drove the limping Plymouth over to “Slimy Slick’s” (made up name) used car lot never thinking for an instant that “there was a Ford in my future”.

Looked over the slim pickens, not much there but out of the corner of my, on the lot’s corner sat a green & white 1956 Ford Country Sedan station wagon. It ran, but had a rust through on the rite rear quarter panel, and the tires were tired. It also had “boo-koo” miles on the odometer. We talked a bit, kinda agreed on a price, but then he started up the Plymouth and immediately my trade-in price went down a couple hundred. He heard the bearings.

I took the car because I was leaving for a job with a band in Texas at the end of the week and I had to get some wheels for Jane and the kids. (Included a new born a week old). Drove the Ford home and hoped for the best.

About four weeks later, I received a call from Jane that the radiator was leaking and the engine had a funny noise in it. Told her to take it to the radiator shop, that the bill wouldn’t be so bad to ignore the engine noise, and I would send her some money. Two weeks went by and another call. The car would not move. It was the transmission. She had the car towed to a transmission shop where she got the news, \$150. Well we had to make payments, \$150 was my entire weekly “take home” pay. Told her to not drive the car too much until I got home, which turned out to be the first part of November.

She managed to keep it running among various break-downs, pumps, electronics, hoses and various other things, and when I returned the first thing was to look for another car. I managed to trade backwards for a 1955 Chevy 210 Sedan with 90,000 miles on it, ran alright, never cost us anywhere near the Ford’s appetite for money, but she was so tired.

Something else turned out to be a new, left over, 1960 Ford Falcon (yes, another Ford), but this one turned out to be a fine car which we had for many years. And thus ends the 2nd “Cars I’d Like To Forget”.

Next: A VW with a cloud over it. (Or was it haunted????) 🚗

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