

CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET (A VW with a cloud over it)

Continued from last month



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Drove the VW back to the Chevy Used car lot & traded it for a 1963 Ford Galaxy hardtop coupe, red & white in color, 6 cyl with "3 on the tree"¹. Car looked good, but it didn't take long for us to realize it wouldn't go. Too much car for that 6 cyl engine, we hung on to it for a while. About a month after purchase, the carburetor latterly fell apart. Took it to the local Ford dealer and they put a used one on and we were once again in business.

Driving it home went through Belle Vernon and noticed a 1963 Chevy II Nova station wagon on the Pontiac lot. It looked so good I just. had to take a look! This car had a 283 8 cyl w/powerglide tranny and 4 bbl carb. It immediately "sucked me in". Just had to take it for a ride. Wow! Hadn't had a car with so much oomph, seemed like forever. Needless to say we traded and finally I had sane wheels that would go.

Returning one morning about 3 am from my job at the Twin Coaches, I was clocked on 1-70 at 100 MPH. A friend by the name of Buzzy, a prize fight promoter returning from a fight, driving a Chrysler recognized me and gave chase. He told me all this or. our day jobs that morning about 8 am. (never did that high-speed stuff again!) Anyone of you who remember these Chevy us, will also remember that they had single leaf rear springs. If you really "punched it", you could latterly break off the springs. This I managed to do. Pow! Pow!, not only did the rear of the car drop to the ground, but at. the same time the rite axle decided to inch out and part company with me.

After getting all this fixed, I was driving to work one morning when the rite side of the floor decided to part company with the car, dropped to the road shooting sparks all over. Lucky for me my side held on. This happened just as I arrived at my office. The guys helped me jack it back into place, made some brackets and welded the whole thing together.. Plans began to develop for a change of cars.

Next time: Ever heard of a Vega? 🗑️

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