

My Favorite Car



1958 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia

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Why I love it: Taught me everything I know about shade-tree mechanics, bodywork, and the weirdness of German engineering. I spent the entire summer between eighth and ninth grade dealing with rust and straightening the body. I shot primer with an Electrolux vacuum cleaner hooked up backwards blowing paint through an insecticide sprayer. Mom let me rebuild the engine inside the house over the winter! The Ghia packed 36 adrenaline-pumping horsepower, but even so I had a hard time keeping up with my friends in their Chevelles and GTOs. My most vivid memory is following a truck loaded with reeking silage up a slight incline on a roaring hot day in Yakima, praying for a downhill grade so I could pass.

My next car? Why, who could ever sell a charmer like this? I still have it!

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