

Featured Club Car

1936 Ford Phaeton



Phil's Ford Phaeton Lehighton, PA

When I was a teenager growing up in Coopersburg, PA in the mid 1950's, I remember a older guy [18 years old] from Center Valley named Gary Hall. I don't remember anything about him except that he used to cruise town with a 1936 Ford Phaeton with loud duals, musical horns [played Dixie, Mary had a little lamb, and other songs] followed up with a "Ding Dong" from a foot operated "Bermuda Bell". As I remembered it was a nice original car painted Washington blue. It had fender skirts as I remember. I at the time thought he and that car were the "coolest", and always wanted a car similar to his. Last year (2007) I was looking on EBay and found one, it was located in Washington state and after talking with the owner, I bought it. My initial plan was drive it home. I UPS'd my tools and survival goodies [warm clothes, raingear] and bought the airlines tickets. Prior to leaving for Washington, I changed my mind about driving that distance in a unproven car. I decided to have it shipped instead [good decision] and it ended up costing me about \$1000 less than had I driven. I received the car in about 2 weeks. It was a old restoration of a solid car. I drove it for about 3 weeks and decided to paint it [hated the goldish color]. The paint job escalated into a full restoration with a leather Lebaron Bonney interior and top. A rebuilt 1948 59ab Ford engine with an Isky 3/4 cam, dual Stromberg carbs, Aluminum Hi Comp head, dual's with headers and Smithy's glass packs. I am happy with the results and the car sounds great and is a blast to drive.