

Vintage Volkswagen Club Of America



VW Memories

This 1963 VW Beetle was purchased new from Woolverton Volkswagen in Ontario, California, in October 1962. It has been driven a total of over 132,000 miles. During 2011, in an effort to maintain its most original condition, it underwent a complete (ground-up) restoration. It maintains the original 1200cc (40) hp engine (rebuilt); new interior, glass, rubber, chrome paint (Dove Blue) and refinements, etc.

It was my son's car but he was killed last year in a freak car accident, so, I have had it completely restored back to original condition. Our son, Steve Funk, had left behind a wife and four children. He had just retired from Conoco-Phillips Refinery in Illinois. Upon his passing, his vital organs were donated to "One Legacy." Within 5 hours of his death, one of his kidneys was given to a man at the UCLA Medical Center, who had been on a waiting list since 2004.

"One Legacy" had a float in our Rose Parade this year and my son's picture was one of the 70 donors that appeared on the float. I had a plaque made up and a badge with his picture which I placed on the dash of the VW. I was a member of the VVWCA in the '90's and still have some of your old newsletters. I won a lot of trophies with my old '56 VW. I'm a member of the Big Bear Lake Antique Car Club here in California, and will soon start showing the '63. My daughter and her husband are into the Porsche auto's and he is a mechanic with a Porsche Garage in Las Vegas, Nevada. Keep up the good work!

Bob Funk
Big Bear Lake, CA

Director's Note: Bob, thank you for sharing this memory with us. I would imagine that Steve would fully approve what you have done with his VW. In 2006 we lost our 9 month old granddaughter. Her parents donated her heart valves so that another child could live. The memories of our children and grandchildren now live on in the lives of others. They shall never be forgotten. The gift of life is most probably the most precious gift of all. Again, thank you! Please stay in touch.