

Is H.S. Dream Car A Good Investment?

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I graduated from high school in 1963, and my dream car was the 1963 Studebaker Avanti. Well, life got in the way, and I never realized my dream of owning an Avanti. I recently have been going on eBay to find Avantis that have survived these past 47 years. I have located several that are rated from museum quality to daily drivers. This car did not achieve star status, as Studebaker went out of business in 1966, and a Canadian company produced replicas for several years. But the '63 and '64 models, in average condition, seem to be going for between \$6,000 and \$13,000.

My questions are: (1) Do you think a 47-year-old vehicle could be a dependable car for everyday use? I do not want a trailer queen or a covered dust collector in the garage. And (2) the Avanti was known as a muscle car in its day, so could I expect it to still be as strong today? I know I'm not. Finally, (3) in the vast experience you both have with automobiles, do you think I would have to drive this kind of car with kid gloves and always be fearful of old-age-related problems? I really don't want to own a money pit.

TOM: We'll take your questions one at a time, Gary. Do we think a 47-year-old car can be dependable for everyday use?



CLICK & CLACK

RAY: No. Forty-seven-year-old cars are, generally speaking, unreliable. Not to mention unsafe. That's why most people got rid of them 35 years ago.

TOM: Would it still be a muscle car today?

RAY: In looks, yes. And possibly on the road, too. It's possible, if the compression is good and everything is in good working order, that you could floor it and accelerate pretty fast. Just make sure nothing's in your way. Like a curve. But that leads directly to Question 3:

TOM: Would you have to drive this car with kid gloves and always be fearful of age-

related problems?

RAY: Yes. And that would preclude flooring it and trying to drive it like a muscle car.

TOM: When you buy a car like this, what you're really buying is a hobby, Gary. If you don't have the time or the interest for an old-car hobby, then buy a 1/10th scale model Avanti for your desk instead.

RAY: Right. If what you really want is a daily driver, the cheapest, most bare-bones, brand-new Nissan Versa is going to be safer, cheaper to run and much more reliable, and will handle a lot better than the Avanti.

TOM: So you have to decide what you really want, Gary. If you want to fulfill your lifelong dream, then buy an Avanti. Just understand that you're not buying a car, you're buying a dependent.

RAY: And on those weekends when it's raining well and you're not out searching for parts, you can drive it up to the old high school and pretend it's 1963 again. You can imagine that all the other kids are jealous of you, that the prom queen wants a ride home and that you still have hair. Good luck whatever you decide, Gary.

Get a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

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KEEP YANKTON BEAUTIFUL:

Riverboat Days Is Quickly Approaching

BY JULIE PERKLASIS
Keep Yankton Beautiful

Riverboat Days is coming up soon and Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB), with the support of businesses like Yankton Motorsports, Fred Haar Company and Classic Carts, not to mention our dedicated board members and volunteers, will be providing litter cleanup along the parade route again this year. Please watch for us and get us your litter so we can keep our beautiful streets clean and clear for locals and guests during this fun and fabulous weekend event!

We are close to launching our Cigarette Litter Prevention Program project for Historic Downtown Yankton and planning to have 5 cigarette ash containers installed by mid-September. We also have pocket ashtrays available for all you environmentally conscious smokers out there; please call or email our office to get yourself or someone you know a free pocket ashtray! In partnership with the Yankton Police Department and Calvary Baptist Church, we're also working on a



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fall graffiti cleanup project. We've had a busy summer and are moving into a busy fall, but very much enjoying the support from the community and the changes and improvements so many are making to our beautiful city!

As Keep Yankton Beautiful is entirely privately funded, we rely heavily on our members, volunteers and supporters to accomplish the initiatives and projects that so benefit our proud city. To that end we'd like to thank our most recent KYB Family Members, Patrick and Jeanne Collison, and Nancy McClintock and the Bowyer Family who gave a Sustaining Level donation in memory of Daniel Hogan and in honor of his widow Marjorie. Daniel Hogan grew up in Yankton and, while he moved to Minnesota, spoke so lovingly of his boyhood home, close family friends wanted to give something of Mr. Hogan back to Yankton.

Board member and longtime KYB advocate, Pam Frick, offers the following thoughts to the work Yankton businesses are doing on their own to keep Yankton beautiful:

"I would like to invite you to take an evening ride through town. Take note of the changes on Broadway. Banks and businesses have greatly improved their properties by adding landscaping. First National Bank, with the help of KYB, landscaped their frontage from 21st to Pizza Hut. I'm sure you have all noticed the wonderful display of color. With KYB's help, the broken-up asphalt in front of the Harold's Strip Mall was replaced with trees and shrubs... what a wonderful improvement! Fryn Pan gets a big applause on the beautification of their property. It always looks so inviting. I like to see just what a little business landscaping can do. The Pizza Ranch sign at 15th and Broadway is surrounded by green shrubs... if a business did nothing more than that, it would be such a noticeable and appealing improvement. Downtown Yankton has played a large part in adding to the beauty of our city. Note the

large planters and flowering hanging baskets. Individual businesses paid for those baskets, and the City provided the planters. The City has also been instrumental in carrying the Douglas Median theme all the way to the river. Take note of the beautiful Berm at the intersection of 2nd and 3rd Street. Recently retired city horticulturist Stan Hoffart did such a good job with that! A part of our mission is to motivate citizens to take greater responsibility for improving their community and it looks like it's happening! If you are interested in improving your property, but are unsure where to begin, please feel free to contact KYB for guidance.

Pam, a passionate and lifelong resident of Yankton will be writing a series of articles appearing monthly in the Garden section of the P&D on KYB's past projects and programs. Please watch for those articles starting this month!

You can reach us by phone at (605) 838-0665 or (812) 774-2854 and via email at info@keepyanktonbeautiful.org. We are located at 324 Walnut next to the Dakota Theater through a generous gift from Kennedy, Pier and Knoff LLP.

KILLER

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"Just shook his hand and said 'Welcome, welcome to our church,'" said Curtis, a member of the church band. "He just smiled and said: 'Thank you.'"

Province closed his eyes and sang along with the band and seemed particularly engrossed when the band played "Your Grace is Enough" by Chris Tomlin, Curtis said.

After the service, Province walked across the street and sat down on the curb with his backpack, looking like a hitchhiker. Curtis said the church pastor then paid Province to mow and trim the church lawn. Province got \$40 and a jacket, authorities said.

The town came alive Sunday night with word drifting around that the stranger at the church was a fugitive, he said. "It definitely made my wife and I and our children very nervous to think that was a convicted murderer in our town," Curtis said.

"We're just not used to that," Curtis said. "Little bitty Meeteetse, Wyo., we just don't — they roll the sidewalks up around here at 8:30 at night."

A woman who had chatted briefly with Province on the steps of the church on Sunday called police after recognizing him later on television, Gonzales said.

When marshals and other law enforcement officers arrested him, he initially denied being the fugi-

tive, Gonzales said. He was carrying a 9 mm handgun and the sign that said "Casper," a city about 160 miles to the southeast, authorities said.

Province was in the Park County jail and scheduled for an extradition hearing Tuesday morning, authorities said.

Gonzales said a \$40,000 reward was set for McCluskey and Welch's capture.

"Rest assured, we are going to

be on McCluskey like a cheap suit," Gonzales said. "We are not going to pull this thing down."

The Arizona Attorney General's Office on Monday charged two women, including McCluskey's mother, with helping the inmates after they escaped.

Province was serving a life sentence for murder and robbery out of Pima County, Ariz. McCluskey was serving a 15-year prison term for attempted second-degree mur-

der, aggravated assault and discharge of a firearm out of Maricopa County, Ariz.

Forensic evidence linked the two inmates and Welch to the killings of an Oklahoma couple. New Mexico State Police spokesman Peter Olson declined to elaborate.

AMERICAN LIFE IN POETRY:

Firefly Imagery Brings Calmness To Senses

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

Marilyn Kallet lives and teaches in Tennessee. Over the years I have read many poems about fireflies, but of all of them hers seems to offer the most and dearest peace.

FIREFLIES

In the dry summer field at nightfall,
fireflies rise like sparks.
Imagine the presence of ghosts
flickering, the ghosts of young friends,
your father nearest in the distance.
This time they carry no sorrow,
no remorse, their presence is so light.
Childhood comes to you,
memories of your street in lamplight,
holding those last moments before bed,
capturing lightning-bugs,
with a blossom of the hand
letting them go. Lightness returns,
an airy motion over the ground
you remember from Ring Around the Rosie.
If you stay, the fireflies become fireflies
again, not part of your stories,
as unaware of you as sleep, being
beautiful and quiet all around you.

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SEWER

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Director Kyle Goodmansson. "People need to understand that there are two separate systems that are managed differently."

The storm sewer system, which collects water from city streets, has detention ponds and gravity flows to its receiving waters. The sanitary sewer system is built for domestic and industrial wastewater. Because all that water goes to the central treatment facility, lift or pump stations are sometimes needed to get it there.

Flows through the Wastewater Treatment Plant average 1.5 million a day in January, with a max

of 1.7 million gallons.

"For the month of July, we averaged 1.7 million gallons, and we maxed out at nearly five million gallons one day," Goodmansson said. "We haven't had any hydraulic overloading yet, but it's been close. We've been nervous, but we haven't had any actual overloading. Our lift stations have kept up. Our plant has kept up. But it does make it a little more complicated and more difficult for staff to operate the wastewater treatment facility."

Officials suspect sump pumps as the culprit because the increased flows have been originating from residential areas.

If a hydraulic overload occurs at a pump station or the treatment facility, it could cause back-ups in the sanitary sewer system and untreated sewage to be discharged into the receiving waters.



Bolin-Place

Danielle Bolin and Geoffrey Place are pleased to announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Jon and Alice Bolin of Norfolk, NE, and Ron and Carol Place of Ft. Knox, KY.

Danielle is a 2006 graduate of Norfolk Senior High School. She will graduate from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, in 2011.

Geoffrey is a 2006 graduate of Ramstein American High School, Ramstein AB, Germany. He graduated from the University of South Dakota in 2010.

The couple is planning an Aug. 21, 2010, wedding.

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