## Born and Raised in California

Gary and Audrey Jorgenson's 1957 Chevy Belair hardtop at one point in its long life had spent its entire life in California. We should thank the Jorgensons that this is no longer the case.

They bought the car in 1990 while they were living in California as Gary was stationed there at the time in the United States Air Force. Gary served in the Air Force for 26 years as a pilot before retiring.

He had a 1957 Ford but sold it before moving to California, so he was wanting another old car.

"I always wanted a '57 Chevy," Gary explains. "They're the cars we always drove in high school."

It was a pristine show car when he bought it, and has won several trophies since. But he drives it a lot, and it has received a few nicks and scratches as a result. But he has no regrets, as it is driving the car that he likes most. He doesn't even bother with car shows much anymore, he said.

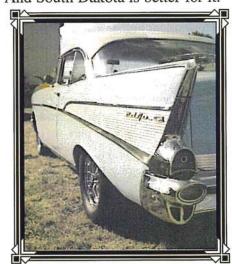
One of the features of the car is its one-piece bumper. Most 1957 Chevrolets were built with three-piece bumpers, but a small number that were built in the Van Nuys, CA, factory received single-piece bumpers for rea-



"I've had Cragar wheels ever since the '60s. I've had Cragar wheels on every old car I've owned," he said. Until Gary purchased the car, it had never been registered outside of California. It spent its first 33 years entirely in the Los Angeles area, where snow and salt never assaulted it. And likewise, Gary spent the beginning of his life in California as well, possibly having crossed paths with this very car.

"I grew up in southern California," he said. "I used to go to all the car scenes." Now both Gary and his '57 Chevy are South Dakota residents. And South Dakota is better for it.





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