

Connected at the Hip

Larry and Kris Golden bought a 1969 RS/Z-28 Camaro in 1988 for their son to drive to school, along with his understanding that good grades would be maintained. After a short period of their son driving the car to school, Larry realized that the Camaro was a rare car while looking through all the original paperwork that they received when they purchased the car.

Back in 1969, the value of a car was based on how many options it came with from the factory. As Larry found out, this car has every option except the filament top fender signal lite indicators. The original \$4,900 window sticker only proves that it was an expensive car when new. A few of the more unusual options it came with were a fold down rear seat, a rear window defroster, power steering with a tilt column, and 4.56 rear end gears with the list going on including an RS package. The car even had factory headers in the trunk that were never installed. Larry, realizing the rarity of this Z-28 Camaro, took the car back from his son and bought him a '71 Chevelle to drive to school and race in the high school division at Thunder Valley.

Digging more into the history of the Camaro, Larry found out the car was ordered out of Bradford Chevrolet in Dayton Missouri. The original sales slip showed it was ordered for the Peterson House as a graduation gift for their son. The Camaro had 56,000 miles on it when Larry and Kris bought it and now has 83,000 miles. That's only 27,000 miles over a 23-year period – not driven very much for an all-original car today.

Larry mentioned that he and Kris have always been close from their beginning as a couple from sharing a locker in high school to their love for cars that continues today. Their extreme car connection was underlined recently when Larry took a break from working on his new project, a '66 Nova, only to find Kris in another part of the garage cleaning the engine bay in the Z-28 Camaro with Simple Green. He was totally surprised and told her she didn't have to do that. They just recently, in the last year, started driving the Camaro again to car club activities or to get ice cream on those warm evenings, all while relishing the attention the car brings while they are driving it. Endless summer-fun feelings!



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