Car Talk: Doesn't Anyone Screen These Calls?: Calls About Animals And Cars
Tom and Ray Magliozzi are America’s foremost auto mechanics. Usually people phone in to their radio show with questions about cars - buying them, driving them, keeping them running. But every so often, out of the blue, Click and Clack are also called on to be amateur veterinary psychologists. They’re asked to figure out why a horse has eaten a steering wheel or why a 100-pound dog insists on riding on the roof of a pickup truck or how a white rat the size of a two-liter Coke bottle got into a poor young woman’s Chevy. And while they might not know the answer, they always come up with something. This is a collection of calls about cars, animals, and the mysterious, often hilarious times when they meet. It leads Tom and Ray down a familiar path of wild speculation, occasionally brilliant suggestions, and lots of laughs. This is a must-have for anyone who loves animals, particularly the two that host Car Talk.

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On Saturdays when I take a break for listening to CDs, I usually tune into Car Talk on my local NPR Radio station. I have a fancy for the crazy antics of Click and Clack, the TappetBrothers. In their show, they dispense humor and car repair information. I end up laughing at their crazy banter more than I get car repair tips. Plus when my car messes up, I take it to the shop-I don’t want to be their next call! In their current audio collection, Car Talk: Doesn’t Anyone Screen These Calls? (One hour, one cd, radio selections, Highbridge), the Tappets take calls regarding animal and cars. It is funny with out trying. A few of these REAL people seem like they came out of crazy central casting (especially about the horse who ate the steering wheel)! If anyone hasn’t heard these boys before on
the radio or on their cds, you are in for a laughable treat for your ears. I am still laughing at this one. ENJOY! Bennet Pomerantz, AUDIOWORLD

Brothers Tommy and Ray Magliozzi have a call-in show on National Public Radio called "Car Talk." The calls range from the serious to hilarious--but rely on the "Tappett Brothers" to make even the mundane call funny. Check your local listings to see when "Car Talk" comes on. Tommy and Ray are the only people that’d get me up and cheerful at 9 AM. Their radio show has provided both my husband and I hours of laughter. Their website is also helpful for finding mechanics, buying cars, etc. It’s good to have them around if you need a laugh at other times. My only complaint is they could have packed a little more into this CD. Then again, "Car Talk" is never long enough for me, either!

In case you are not familiar with the NPR CarTalk show ... the two hilarious brothers take calls from listeners about problems they are having with their car, and they dispense advice along with a lot of joking around. They love to gently pick on their callers, sometimes, as well as affectionately pick on each other. I just love these guys! Anyway, this 1-CD audiobook is a collection of some of those calls taken from the show, that all involve animals interacting with cars. I don’t want to spoil the surprising and hilarious stories in this collection, but lets just say you’ll never guess some of the surprising ways that dogs, chickens, goats, rats, birds and horses can interact with cars, to cause a troubling situation for the car owner/animal owner. This audiobook had me captivated and often laughing uncontrollably. It was a pleasure from start to end, and I only wish there were more stories. It was over way too quickly. Loved it, but be aware that it only lasts about one hour.

In response to Tom Magliozzi’s death this fall, I went on a recent binge with old Car Talk compilations from the local public library. And what a walk down memory lane it was with what has to be one of the most entertaining and strangely informative shows in the history of public radio. This particular compilation focused on a series of the most bizarre calls Click and Clack took over the years related to animals, including fighting deadly spider infestations and preventing goats from standing on the hood. As always, my own constant chuckling was matched only by the entirely endearing laughter from the Magliozzi brothers that completely saturate each of their broadcasts. And that’s half the fun, not only listening to their absurd and often brilliant analysis of the most ridiculous car problems ever imagined, but also sharing in their obvious enjoyment of the discussions. To be sure, these compilations centered around particular themes tend towards the utterly looney, and the normal ebb and flow of a weekly broadcast is lost. Honestly, I prefer the
regulars shows over the compilation albums for that reason. However, this collection of animalian-induced crises (seriously, how does one remove the enduring scent of dog vomit from the interior vents of the dashboard?) is funny and brilliant and possibly even a bit helpful. There’s never a bad time to listen to Car Talk, and this audio collection certainly won’t disappoint.

My husband has always enjoyed the Car Talk guys. We were going on long road trip so I gave 2 of the CD’s to him for Christmas. We played it while driving and laughed a lot. I’ve ordered a third one for his birthday.

Purchase this. Now that one died it may be worth something?? Anyway, funny and great fun.

These guys are funny but only fun to listen to once.

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