

MY GENIUS BROTHER, BRIAN COLEMAN



Brian with his "twin" Chevy Nova Concourse Hatchbacks. Photo by: Dr. Donna Coleman

By Dr. Donna Coleman

Articles written or contributed by my brother, Brian Coleman, Sole Proprietor of Coleman Home Remodeling, have appeared in this journal for a few years now. I asked him if I could write my own impressions of my genius brother, the vast extent of whose wide-ranging interests and expertise is not always evident in the articles that have appeared thus far.

The quality of Brian's work with wood, tile, stone, and other building materials is universally praised by every customer who has engaged him. Attention to minute detail is his obsession, which translates to perfection in every aspect of his work. Creative solutions to problems that can (or do inevitably) reveal themselves in tear-down processes are another strong point of his craft.

But Brian's brilliance does not stop there. He is also a highly

skilled mechanic and artistic restorer of antique automobiles, with a particular interest in vehicles from his teenage years, the 1970s. From 1975 onward, he collaborated with his long-time friend and fellow genius automobile guru, Richard Brown, and with Richard's father Jack on the restoration of Jack's 1932 Ford Sedan and on Richard's 1955 Ford pickup truck. Brian often worked with his father, Mike, from whom he has inherited a great deal of his mechanical and problem-solving savvy, on various restoration projects including a 1963 Mercury Comet and a 1963 Volvo 554. Brian's pride and joy now are two "twin" Chevy Nova Concourse Hatchbacks that he restored entirely without any outside help—a 1976 and a 1977 that he worked on at various periods between 1990 and 2009.

During this time, Brian was also honing his skill in the precision machining trade, a career that he temporarily abandoned in

order to concentrate on his home remodeling enterprise. In recent times, he has begun to acquire machines and has launched a corollary business, Cole Tool, and he works as subcontractor to machine shops in the area who find that Brian is the engineer who can design and manufacture the parts they need to complete a work order.

As a person, my brother holds to high ideals of integrity in his dealing with customers, and he is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure customer satisfaction with the final outcome of the project. He spends many hours preparing thorough and detailed proposals and drawing up plans, including 3-D drafts that allow prospective customers to see an almost-lifelike view of what the completed work will look like.

When you hire Brian Coleman to complete a home remodeling project, you can be assured of the highest quality of meticulous work being conducted by an honest and trustworthy person that you will feel comfortable to have working in your home. Whatever dream you have for your re-creation project, he will find the way to realize it for you to an extreme degree of perfection. If you're lucky, you will have the benefit of enjoying his exceptional sense of humor; I have often told him that he missed his calling as a stand-up comic. Is there no end to the array of this guy's genius!

Obviously, the above are the words of a sister who adores and admires without question her amazing brother, and perhaps you will have the opportunity to get to know this extraordinary man and his work. You won't regret it!

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